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Deming Way residents treated to Thanksgiving dinner

Last week, Wilmington hosted its annual Thanksgiving dinner for the residents of Deming Way. The town noted how “it was heartwarming to see so many smiles and share a meal with our senior citizens. A big thank you to the officers and volunteers from Wilmington High School who graciously served dinner, making the event even more special. We’d also like to extend our gratitude to the Wilmington Police Patrol Officers Union for their generous donation of meals — your support makes this tradition possible! Events like these remind us of the strength of our Wilmington community.” (Courtesy photo)

School Committee receives wellness committee updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Coordinator of Health Services Rebecca Brown presented on behalf of the School Wellness Advisory Committee at the School Committee meeting. She reminded the committee of the School District Wellness Policy which states that the School Committee recognizes the relationship between student well-being and student achievement and promises to provide appropriate nutrition, physical education and physical activity opportunities to students.

Brown shared that the food services department hired a new assistant director and there was a new Health & Physical Education curriculum team leader replacing Laura Stinson who retired in June. A new element of the program led by the assistant food service director was incorporating social media into the school nutrition program and joining Instagram.

Meanwhile, Food Service Director Mary Palin was focusing on farm-to-table lunch trays. At the younger level, they offer students local fruits and vegetables, and local protein is reserved for the older students. In connection with this offering, the John C. Stalker Institute of Food & Nutrition recognized Wilmington in May.

Some of the upcoming plans for the program included surveys for students: the Signs of Suicide survey at the middle school; the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for next spring at the middle and high school; and a Care Solace survey for food, housing, and healthcare.

Brown announced that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education rolled out a new curriculum for health and physical education this past spring, which meant this year was the first year of incorporation. The new curriculum consisted of standards, or learning goals, to be achieved at the end of each grade year.

The practices to be incorporated for student learning include decision-making and problem-solving; self management and goal-setting; social awareness, relationships and communication skills; movement skills; self-awareness and analyzing influences; information

and resource-seeking; and self-advocacy and health promotion.

Each practice is its own unit in the curriculum so that each unit is practice-based. Brown explained that this will encourage students to apply their lessons to their daily life and give them information to make healthy decisions. She also mentioned that there is a social-emotional component to the curriculum.

She then shared that Lahey Health runs a community needs assessment every two years for Burlington, Wilmington and Winchester, into which some of the Wellness Committee members were invited. This assessment identified three major needs in town: add access to mental health providers of all ages, increased access to food sources, and care for the elderly and addressing loneliness.

The wellness committee also participated in a survey of neighboring communities about the use of food in classrooms as a result of significant problems in the prior school year. As a result, they created a form for Wilmington teachers to use and submit to the nurse who would check for students with food allergies.

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School Committee receives student, safety updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee received reports from school representatives, the superintendent, and conferences and finances at their meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Middle school representatives shared about student council participation of 60 8th graders, the 6th grade dance, Spirit Week in October, Advisory pumpkin-making, and other activities ongoing in Homework Club, Heart Club, Drama Club, Robotics Club, Math Team, and Project

High school student Shubhangi Tripathi mentioned WHS athletes winning Middlesex Freedom League championships for girls' soccer and cheerleading and participating in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Sportmanship Summit, Medical Careers Club hosting a blood drive, flex block pumpkin painting, college visits, the Lamplighters Drama Guild presenting *Six* the musical, and a Local Heroes event.

The committee approved the acceptance of a Robotics donation later

in the meeting. Science Curriculum Team Leader Julie Kim explained that this was an anonymous \$5,000 donation to the high school Robotics Team.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked if the donation came with any stipulations. Kim replied that it was just a check, but the sender requested to remain anonymous. She shared a breakdown of the team's expenses in their sponsorship packet that they put together for seeking donations.

One of the Robotics Team members described the registration fees for the team add up to \$600 at the start of this year, the field for practicing and competing costs \$1,000 per year, and the rest of their spending is mainly for robot parts. He mentioned that they already spent \$750 for this year so far.

Kim added that the challenge for the Robotics Team gets more complicated every year. She also pointed out that they needed new 3-D printers.

They also approved a request to dispose of surplus materials within the district. Stephen Turner suggested that they try to donate the cur-

riculum materials to any districts in need. David Ragsdale provided that the memo says the materials will be appropriately donated, recycled, or disposed of.

Chair Jesse Fennelly agreed that they would donate what they could and dispose of what they can't donate.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's report that night pertained to a superintendent's award and the school district safety and security audit. He recognized WHS student Katherine Wang, class of 2025, with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award. He stated that Wang's academic performance ranked within the top 10 percent of her class, as she took five advanced placement courses and 17 honors courses, maintained A's and above in each class, and participated in the WHS Band and the Drama Club.

Wang also displayed a passion for social justice, earned awards from the Society of Women Engineers among others, and volunteered as a camp counselor.

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Adult Programs

Afternoon Learn to Cross Stitch (Waitlist Only)

Monday, Dec. 2, 2:30 p.m.
New to needlework? Head of Circulation Lisa Crispin will teach you the basics to start your first project! Materials and patterns will be provided.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. Now meeting every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the Library.

Streaming Services and Other Alternatives to Cable

Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.
Come join Technology Librarian Brad McKenna as he presents alternatives to cable such as Netflix and the library. While not all free, the alternatives will save you quite a bit of money every month.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL

50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m.
The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group meets via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This week's topic (Dec. 4) is interview practice.

Needleworkers

Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie.

Drop in.

VIRTUAL Fiction Critique Group

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:15 a.m.
Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll at adultservices@wilmlibrary.org. Please include the title of the program in the subject heading. This event will be held over Zoom. You will receive an invite from the presenter prior to the program date.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Teen DnD

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5 p.m.
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? This month's session will be IN PERSON at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server.



▲ Register now for A Christmas Christmas Carol with Delvena Theatre Company on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. for a dramatic reading, with scenes, of A Christmas Carol. The Charles Dickens' classic will be performed, complete with period costumes and music.

We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12

zines (mini magazines) to fold into magical winter trees! Ages 3+

includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

LEGO Building

Friday, Dec. 6, 3:45 p.m.
Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans and display what you make in the library! Grades K-5

Family Craft Night: Winter Trees (Waitlist Only)

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m.
Complete a craft together with your family! Use

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.
Join us at our Drop-In Storytimes! This program

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next

Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Join the Historical Commission at the Annual Holiday Social

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One of the first decisions taxpayers must make when completing a tax return is whether to take the standard deduction or itemize their deductions. There are several factors that can influence a taxpayer's choice, including changes to their tax situation, any changes to the standard deduction amount and recent tax law changes. Generally, most taxpayers use the option that gives them the lowest overall tax. As taxpayers begin to think about filing their tax return, here are some things they should know about standard and itemized deductions.

The standard deduction amount increases slightly every year. The standard deduction amount depends on the taxpayer's filing status, whether they are 65 or older or blind, and whether another taxpayer can claim them as a dependent. Taxpayers who are age 65 or older on the last day of the year and don't itemize deductions are entitled to a higher standard deduction.

Most filers who use Form 1040 can find their standard deduction on the first page of the form. Not all taxpayers can take a standard deduction, including:

- A married individual filing as married filing separately whose spouse itemizes deductions — if one spouse itemizes on a separate return, both must itemize.
- An individual who files a tax return for a period of less than 12 months. This is uncommon and could be due to a change in their annual accounting period.
- An individual who was a nonresident alien or a dual-status alien during the year. Nonresident aliens who are married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien, however, can take the standard deduction in certain situations.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Chloe Mccauley, of Wilmington, was named to the University of Utah's Summer 2024 Dean's List.

Mccauley was among more than 2,800 students named to the Summer 2024 Dean's List at the U. To qualify, the students earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during the summer term.

About the U

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves more than 35,000 students from across the U.S. and the world.

With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace. The U ranks among top research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions.

Known for its proximity to seven world-class ski resorts within 40 minutes of campus, the U encourages an active, holistic lifestyle, innovation and collaborative thinking to engage students, faculty, and business leaders.

Life sciences storage facility proposed

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Planning Board met on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024 at town hall.

Town Planner Alexandra Lowder reported that the town's first-ever Restaurant Week will take place from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7, highlighting local businesses and encouraging residents to patronize local restaurants.

The community market indoor season has kicked off at the senior center, with the first market on Nov. 14 drawing 300 visitors. Three more markets will be held on Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13 from 4-7 p.m. More information is available at www.tewksburymarket.com.

The board approved its 2025 meeting calendar.

The board reviewed an approval not required plan at 10-20 Scenic Drive. The plan reconfigures the lot lines between the two properties; there is currently a single family home at 20 Scenic Drive, and 10 Scenic Drive could support future development. The board voted to endorse the plan as proposed.

The board discussed a remand decision confirmation at 30 East St. The board originally approved a proposed mixed-use development for the site that would combine professional office space and residential units in 2021. A civil case was filed by Maria Garcia at 44 North St., adjacent to the property, against the board and the developer in Middlesex County Superior Court, asserting that the project would negatively impact her quality of life.

The case sought to appeal the board's decision. The court found in favor of Garcia and remanded the matter to the Tewksbury Planning Board for further proceedings. Chair Steve

Johnson explained the board discussed the court case in executive session, and voted to confirm the remand decision.

The board reviewed a special permit application at 159 Lorum St. behind the Toyota dealership on Main Street. Dan Markow, owner of the Sterling Corporation, a Chelmsford-based logistics and moving company, explained that he is seeking to serve the life sciences market through a climate-controlled storage facility.

Markow said the 20,000 square foot space would employ about 30 staff with limited truck traffic. Materials would be packaged and sealed prior to arriving at the facility, and Markow did not anticipate handling of materials.

A backup generator would take over if the power failed, with redundancies built in; standard lab security would be included, and hazardous materials are not currently planned for storage. Materials will be stored around negative 80 degrees. Johnson requested that Markow provide plans to the police and fire departments if response is needed.

The board voted to approve the special permit.

The board discussed a site plan review application for 485 Main St., the location of Chez Pierre Salon and Spa. The application requests to build a residential unit on top of the salon for the owner's daughter and family to live in.

The board discussed details on a proposed garage and drainage on the property, and the applicant agreed to respond to peer review comments ahead of the board's next meeting. The board continued the hearing to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16, 2024.



▲ The cast of Footloose The Musical 2024 gave four performances last week. Next up, the TMHS theater company presents 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse and Monologue Night, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 7 p.m., and The Little Mermaid, May 1-3, 2025.
(Courtesy photo)

Everybody cut footloose with the TMHS theater company!

► Ryan King, who played Rain McCormack in the TMHS production of Footloose The Musical 2024, posed with theater superfan Zelda P. after the show. Stay tuned for the TMHS theater company's spring production of The Little Mermaid, May 1-3, 2025.
(Courtesy photo)



Tewksbury Community Market returns on Dec. 12

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market is holding four special winter markets on the second Thursdays of the month in November (Nov. 14), December (Dec. 12), January (Jan. 9) and February (Feb. 13), from 4 to 7 p.m., inside the large hall at the Tewksbury Senior Center (175 Chandler St.).

Each monthly market features 30 vendors selling food and other products. Each month's vendors will be listed on the Market's website at www.tewksburymarket.com. For regular updates, the

Tewksbury Community Market's Facebook (@TewksburyMarket), Twitter/X (@TewksburyMarket), and Instagram (@TewksburyCommunityMarket) accounts.

Vendors to be featured at the market on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m., include many of your favorites from the summer markets:

- Aaronap Cellars (wine)
- Baldwin Girl Scouts (Girl Scout cookies)
- Bittersweet Herb Farm (jams, oils, balsamic vinegar, seasonings)
- Black Sheep Craft Ice Cream (ice cream)

- Blisspoint Meadery (mead)
- Bracelets By Melissa (bracelets)
- Demi Doux Soda (low-sugar soda)
- Drive-By Pies (fruit pies, pastries)
- Empanada Dada Food Truck (empanadas)
- Farmer Palmer (garlic products)
- From Sea To You (beach creations using sea glass & shells)
- Fudge n Stuff (fudge, popcorn)
- Greater Lowell YMCA (info on recreational offerings)
- KC StYleS Accessor-

ies (hair bows, earrings and other adorable wearables)

- Kidz Kouture (hair bows, headbands)
- Lovely Essence (soy wax candles)
- Olive World (olives, olive oil)
- Paper Pie (children's books)
- Polish Prince Pierogi (pierogi & other Polish delights)
- Seafood Express (seafood)
- Secret Stash Sweets (small batch, artisanal caramels, brigadiero & chocolate dipped treats)
- Senior Center Boutique

Consignment Shoppe

- Senior Center Gift Shop
- Soak It In Artisan Soap (handmade cold & hot process soaps, bath bombs, sugar scrubs)
- Sophie's Apples (gourmet candy apples)
- The Stand: "Shaken not Stirred" (fresh lemonade)
- Strangely Handmade (greeting cards, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, glassware, wreaths)
- Tewksbury Honey (honey)
- Totally Nutz (pecans, almonds, cashews)
- Whoo(pie) Wagon (whoopie pies, cookies)

The Tewksbury Community Market is organized through the Office of the Community/Economic Development Planner and the Library, in cooperation with the Senior Center, Health Department and Town Manager's Office.

Have a question about the market? Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder@tewksbury-ma.gov or Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

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Upcoming local events

December 6, Tewksbury Hospital Craft Fair, Saunders Building Events Room, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All are welcome! Food trucks, raffles

December 6, Town Tree Lighting, Tewksbury, 5 - 7 p.m., town common. Hot cocoa, ice sculpture selfies, balloons, marshmallow roast. Bring an unwrapped toy for a child in need.

December 7, Tewksbury Holiday Luncheon for Veterans and Families, Tewksbury Senior Center. 1 p.m. catered meal. Please call by Dec. 4 to reserve a spot. Spaces are limited. 978-640-4485.

December 7, St. Williams Holiday Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Crafts and food.

December 7, Showing of Philadelphia, Tewksbury Public Library, 5:30 p.m. In partnership with the Public Health Museum, learn about the AIDS crisis. Discussion to follow. Free. Register at tewksburypl.org.

December 14, Festival of Trees, Tewksbury Hospital Chapel, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., 365 East St. Family friendly activities including stories with Mrs. Claus, winter trail walk, tree raffle, and more. Free. [Tewksburytogether.org](https://tewksburytogether.org) for more details.

December 22, Strongwater Farm's Winter Wonderland Event, 3 - 7 p.m., 500 Livingston St. Join us Strongwater Farm for an evening of family festivities — hot chocolate bar, photos with Santa, arts and crafts, music, and more! Dress warm — Ugly Christmas sweaters are highly encouraged! Close-toed shoes required. \$30 per family (two or more), and \$25 per person. Pay at the door, or via the QR code (enter "SWF WWL" as note) Please check in at the lower barn for entry and additional tickets for various activities, such as a hay ride, that will be for sale.

November 30 - December 7, Tewksbury Restaurant Week-Visit www.tewksbury-ma.gov/RestaurantWeek2024

bury-ma.gov/RestaurantWeek2024 for more details. Enjoy specials from the many Tewksbury restaurants and food establishments. From cakes to cocktails, dinners and quick take out — find your fix in the 01876!

The Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library Countdown to Christmas Mystery Gift Card Raffle. A \$5 raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$10 or greater gift card every day before Christmas, Dec. 1 - Dec. 24. Purchase at least two raffle tickets and you will have the chance to win the bonus raffle of a \$100 gift card to Cafe Sicilia. Raffle tickets may be bought online at the Friends website or on select days at Tewksbury Public Library.

Thanksgiving to New Year's — Tewksbury Open Space Winter Tree Walk-visit Tewksbury Open Space lands at Pinnacle, Rogers, and Chandler Well Fields to discover decorations by local nonprofits. Trail maps at tewksbury-ma.gov/open-space and recreation plan committee

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. [Publichealthmuseum.org](https://publichealthmuseum.org)

Alternative House Wishlist for the Holidays — There's No Excuse for Abuse — notebooks, laundry items, arts and crafts supplies, new pillows, diapers and wipes, twin sheets, twin comforters. [Alternative-house.org](https://alternative-house.org)

Mother and Child Holiday Gathering for Lowell, Tewksbury, Wilmington-Help supply small gifts for young parents and much needed clothing for their babies. Purchase items off our Amazon wishlist to help build ~75 parent bags — a volunteer team of elves will assemble the bags once items have arrived! You can see what items are needed by visiting <https://shorturl.at/sOK9R>

Holiday Luncheon for local veterans on Dec. 7

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The holiday season is known as a time of year to spread love and joy to our neighbors and fellow citizens.

No other members of our community are more deserving of a dose of holiday joy than our local veterans who have bravely served our country through military service.

In celebration of the upcoming holiday season, the Veterans Services is hosting a Ho-

liday Luncheon for local veterans and surviving spouses on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024.

This festive social event starts at 1 p.m. and features a catered lunch, camaraderie, holiday fun, and free raffles.

Because space is limited, advanced reservations are required for this event and must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 4.

To make reservations for this popular holiday event, please contact the Veterans Service Office at 978-640-4485.

Serve up safety on Thanksgiving this year

STOW — With Thanksgiving just a week away, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is asking residents to practice fire safety in the kitchen on the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

"There are about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day, and almost all of them start with unsafe cooking," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Don't let a fire ruin this special day with your family and loved ones. Practice fire safety when cooking and heating your home, and be sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger."

Thanksgiving Cooking Fires

There were 705 Thanksgiving Day residential fires in Massachusetts from 2019 to 2023. That's more than double the 318 residential fires on Christmas Eve, the second-leading day. Last year, Thanksgiving cooking fires increased by more than 25%, from 103 to 130, with 84% taking place at home. These fires injured one resident and one firefighter and caused \$1.3 million in reported damages.

State Fire Marshal Davine offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms Save Lives
Be sure you have work-

ing smoke and CO alarms on every level of your home

Check the manufacturing date printed on the back of the alarms: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and CO alarms should be replaced after 5-10 years depending on the model

Never disable a smoke alarm: modern smoke alarms should have a "hush" feature that is much safer than removing the batteries

If your alarms take alkaline batteries, replace the batteries twice a year: if you aren't sure when they were last replaced, do it today

Keep it Clean:

Clean up grease spills. Keep groceries, food packaging, towels, and other flammable materials away from the stovetop.

Keep pot handles turned inward to prevent spills.

Create a three-foot child-free zone around the stove.

Only use the oven for cooking, not for heating or storage, and be sure it's empty before you turn it on.

Stand by Your Pan

Stay in the kitchen when boiling, broiling, or frying food.

Set a timer when baking or roasting so you don't lose track of time.

Loose sleeves can ignite if they get too close to burners or heating elements: wear clothing with short or tight-fitting sleeves.

Put a Lid on It

In the event of a fire on the stovetop, cover the pan with a lid or cookie sheet to smother the flames.

Never try to move a burning pan or douse it with water.

For a fire in the oven or microwave, leave the door closed, turn off the appliance, and call the fire department.

Have the appliance professionally checked before using it after a fire.

If you can't extinguish the fire quickly, get to safety and call 9-1-1.

If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop, and roll to put out the flames. Put burns in cool running water for 10-15 minutes. Call 9-1-1 for help.

Turkey Fryers

A devastating turkey fryer fire in New Bedford caused severe injuries and displaced almost 30 people in 2020. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL, and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high.

The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of "turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer." They recommend using new "oil-

less" turkey fryers.

Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, but it can present a hazard if used for several hours consecutively — such as when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period. Working CO alarms are vitally important to protect you and your loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Home Heating:

#1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where they won't be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot "circle of safety" free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services' Thanksgiving web page.

Public input sought for permit controlling pollutants from entering rivers, ponds

BOSTON — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released for public comment an updated draft of the general permit for all small and regulated "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems" (MS4s) located in Massachusetts. This affects more than 260 municipalities in the Commonwealth, all of which were already covered under the previous Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit that EPA issued in 2016.

The updated draft of this existing general permit continues to require MS4s to develop, implement, and enforce a "Stormwater Management Program" designed to control the discharge of pollutants from stormwater to water bodies to the maximum extent practicable, protect water quality, and satisfy appropriate re-

quirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

Rainwater that falls on hard surfaces such as parking lots, roadways, and roofs can pick up pollutants that are then carried into local waterways via the storm drains, pipes, and ditches that make up municipal storm sewer systems. Stormwater runoff flows over these hard surfaces directly into storm drains so there is no opportunity for soil and plants to absorb the rainwater and filter out pollutants.

Pollutants lead to water quality issues (such as growth of harmful algae and bacteria and accumulation of trash, oil and grease, and metals) that can make waters unsafe for swimming and boating and can harm aquatic life.

The requirements in the draft permit largely follow or build on the re-

quirements of the current effective 2016 MA MS4 Permit. It also includes new requirements to expand public engagement, develop street design standards that feature nature-based solutions, develop an integrated system to track MS4 assets and maintenance, begin implementing plans developed under the 2016 permit to install controls to treat stormwater runoff on permittee-owned property, and begin upgrading catch basins to better control solids in stormwater runoff.

The draft permit requires municipal permittees that discharge to nutrient-impaired waterbodies to begin installing stormwater treatment based on the Source Identification Reports developed under the 2016 permit. Finally, the Draft Permit proposes a new requirement for per-

mittees discharging to waterbodies in the Mystic River watershed to reduce the phosphorus load in stormwater discharges from hard surfaces by 20 percent within six years.

EPA encourages and will accept written comments from the public on the draft permit during the notice period from Nov. 22, 2024 through Feb. 20, 2025. The draft permit and associated documents are available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-small-ms4-general-permit>.

In addition, EPA will hold a virtual public meeting and hearing for the draft permit on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. To register for the virtual meeting and hearing visit:

<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJI8du6uqjgsGGxYaeLtQJs0Kor6OeHKUgs>.

Book Stew Review

'The Island of Sea Women' by Lisa See

By EILEEN
MACDOUGALL

Lisa See is a writer whose skill enables her to write novels which combine geography, history, and fictional characters into a fascinating mixture.

In this audio version, she introduces us to the haenyeo, the Korean women divers who are trained to hold their breath much longer, and to dive deeper, than any of the men on their Korean Island. Subsequently, the men are responsible for maintaining home and raising children, a complete role reversal.

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they learn which sea creatures to harvest and how to stay alive in icy water with swift currents. The listener will learn not only about the divers, but about the misery of Korean life under the Japanese and then among the conflicting parties during the Korean War.

Two best friends, Youngsook, whose mother is a collective leader, and Mi-ja, an orphan and the daughter of collaborators, depend on each other until a brutal tragedy pulls them apart.

The rituals, dangers, and evolution of haenyeo life and their 50-year journey as both loving companions and alienated enemies is an amazing tale.

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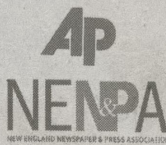
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Shawsheen Tech announces first quarter honor roll

BILLERICA — Principal Jessica Cook is proud to recognize Shawsheen Valley Technical High School students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement during the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. Students earn a place on the Honor Roll by receiving a grade of "B" or higher in all courses, while those on the High Honor Roll have achieved an "A" in every course.

Serving the communities of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington, Shawsheen Valley Technical School enrolls over 1,300 students in grades 9-12 and provides a range of community education programs and services.

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SENIORS: Hailey Barber, Charlotte Bartolone, Logan Bentley, Megan Browne, Joshua Bucher, McKayla Cadden, Phoebe Cameron, John Canadas, Matthew Carpinella, Tara Clark, Darion Considine, Grant Cook, Haley Cournoyer, Peter D'Orsi, Skylar Driscoll, Emily Erickson, James Famolare, Jameson Farrell, Ava Ferreira, Corrine Foley, Dale Gardner, John Gatta, Jackson Goldman, Autumn Halas, Kailyn Harless, Jonathan Hureau, Leila Hurley, Ryan Jamieson, Morgan Kelly, Bryan Keohan, Tyler LaMarca, Nishtha Lamsal, Melissa Lavine, Kristin Macdonald, Giana Manoloulis, Faith Martin, Isabella Mason, Kayla Mason, Kylie McLaughlin, Devin Medeiros, Robert Miaskiewicz, Kendra Minghella, Anthony Mirchev, Kaleb Molina, Allison Morgan, Mia Morrison, Kevin O'Brien Jr., Meagan O'Leary, Andrew Oliveira, Anthony Pellegrino, Roy Plewa, Kylie Plowman, Alaina Powell, Lia Price, Gianna Rago, Lorraina Raposa, Fiona Rexford, Elizabeth Santos, Samuel Sarkissian, Sean Scienzo, Sydney Silva, Judith Sloman, Megan Steeves, Cole Taylor, Dylan Taylor, Preston Teixeira, Gabriel Thompson, Kellen Trott, Mia Vacha, Aswad Vahora, Kimberlee Velasquez-Perez, Michael Ware, Logan Warwick, Juliana Welch, and Robert Welch.

JUNIORS: Katelyn Bardsley, Maria Cafaro, Max Carpenter, Adam Caruso, Madelyn Cormier, Owen Cox, Julia Crowley, Brenden DiMambro, Jailyn DiNuccio, Bianca Faria, Michael Fay, Alexander Gagnon, Owen Gallant, Jacquelyn Guy, Mikayla Harrington, Zoey Helbert, Matthew Kilfoyle, Jack Krauss, Maura Krueger, Erin Langone, Maeve LeBlanc, Kyle Marrone, Caleb McDevitt, Valerie Mendoza Reyna, Lily Middleton, David Mikaelyan, Valentina Mosquera Arguelles, Derek Mulik, Mono Newell, Paige Nickerson, Maeve O'Brien, Karina Palencia-Marroquin, Giana Peach, Haley Quattrocchi, Kaimen Rogers, Brooklyn Schena, Dominic Schena, Isaac Schmidt, Evangeline Schwartzkopf, Brennan Skelly, Krystal Tempesta, Cole Tirone, Mackenzie Weatherbee, and Kristal Wells.

SOPHOMORES: Hayley Allen, Brayden Asselin, Akio Aurilio, Cameron Bennett, Jared Benson, Nathan Bettencourt, Aidan Boutot, Braeden Brazil, Trina Caso, Nicholas Castellano, Cael Considine, Siena DeMatteo, Lyla Dickinson, Devyn Donnelly, Zachary Dziggel, McKensi Galarza, Hailey Gallant, Sophia Gallant, Logan Goldman, Eleanor Gouthro, Chloe Huberty, Lily Kelley, Shannon Kelly, Ashley Knell, Ryan Leclerc, Kayleigh McCabe, Rachel McCracken, Isa-

bella Molina, Carley Monteiro, James O'Leary, Mackenzie Parent, Katelyn Perkins, Izabella Pica, Samuel Reynolds, Haley Ricker, Jayvien Rosario, Damian Roscillo, Raeanne Russell, Paul Ryan, Daniela Saporito, Mary Schmidt, Alexander Schulze, Craig Walker, and Madeline White.

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SOPHOMORES: Brendon Abrams, Maurice Alert, Hailey Arvilla, Kayla Aucoin, Emily Aurilio, Cyrus Baker, Madison

OBITUARY

Michael J. 'Mike' Elia

Joined the Army; owned Elia's Country Store

Michael J. Elia, "Mike", age 92, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 25, 2024.

Born at home in Wilmington on May 6, 1932, he was the dear son of the late John C. and Olga (Stavre) Elia.

Mike's parents immigrated from Albania and raised their children above the family store at the corner of West Street and Rt. 125 in Wilmington. It left Mike with an aversion to long phone calls as the only phone was the public payphone in the front of the store.

Mike played football and hockey in high school and went on to graduate from Boston University. After getting out of the Army in 1957, Mike joined his brother John operating Elia's Country Store (formerly Buck Brother's) in North Wilmington and spent many years as owner, meat cutter, and community fixture.

Mike touched many lives through that store, from countless employ-

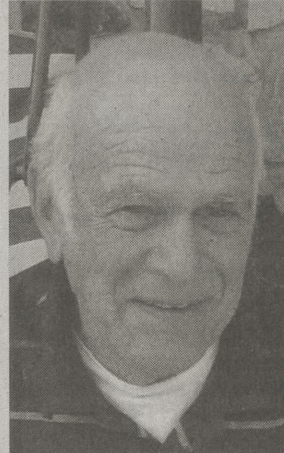
ees to "regulars" who shopped there almost daily.

Mike married Cynthia Wardwell in 1965 and the two would go on to have many adventures together, including raising their four children. Mike always had "ants in his pants" and could never sit still. He was always active skiing and hiking with family and friends in tow.

One could also see him taking kids of all ages for rides in his bright yellow dune buggy. His grandchildren kept him young; he skied until almost 80 and never missed an adventure.

Mike was the beloved husband of the late Cynthia (Wardwell) Elia, devoted father of Michael J. Elia, Jr. and his wife Patrice of Tewksbury, Melissa Elia of Wilmington, Christine Elia and her husband Clay Kellam of Bridgewater, NJ, and Jon Elia of Wilmington.

Loving "Papa" of Matthew Elia, Nicole Elia, Clay Kellam, Alex Kellam, and Natalie Kellam. Dear brother of the late



John Elia, Helen Pilla, and Olga Christo.

Mike is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Nov. 29 from 3 - 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to Local Heroes, Inc., P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Welch, Jake Westhaver, Tabetha Woodward, Katherine Yeomans, and Destiny Young.

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ma, Devlin LoBuono, Angelina Lombardo, Liam Lopilato, Zachary Lubawski, Bode Mackenzie, Kelsey Mader, Lila Mahoney, Madeline Manning, Yara Mardhy, Maxwell Marklis, Caden Marsden, Kyle Marsden, Jackson Mawn, Caroline Mazzei, Jacob Mcgahey, Emily Melo, Caden Merritt, Sarah Milne, Dylan Minasian, Paige Mirisola, Jonathon Molander, Mia Morales, Haylee Moreira, Brody Mullaney, McKenna Murray, Brooke Newhouse, Aislinn O'Brien, Sophia Oliveira, Vivian Osborne, Enzo Pacheco, Anthony Palazzo, Brodie Patterson, Keilani Peralta, Anthony Pereira, Courtney Perkins, James Piecham, John Pilcher, David Silva, Douglas Place, Jameson Plum, Ava Pollard-Garvey, Isabella Pollini, Nathaniel Rahilly, Jessie-Lee Reis, John Reynolds, Brayden Richardson-Decotret, Shannon Robitaille, Jordan Rogers, Nicholas Romanow, Gavin Rosa, Alexa Sacca, Taryn Saluto Weeks, Ryan Sandberg, Natalie Santoro, Madelynn Schmidt, Juliana Seam, Harrison Shannon, Leticia Silveira, Isaac Skoog, Nathan Smith, Carly Smith-Brodeur, Max Snapausky, Samuel Sodre, Liam Sullivan, Benjamin Swinford, Ryan Tate, Roy Tedesco, Christopher Trainor, Marlin Velasquez Colorado, Daniel Vincent, Julianna Vitale, Camrin Wallace, Anna Ward, Meghann Warford, Daniel Willey, Dylan Wiseman, Thomas Yennaco, Brayden Young, and Amelia Zambello.

Wreath and tree fundraiser

TEWKSBURY — Come to the Tewksbury Garden Club's Decorated Wreath and Boxwood Tree Fundraiser on Saturday Nov. 30 and Sunday Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the GROW greenhouses on the campus of the Tewksbury State Hospital, 1 Greenhouse Road. Decorated wreaths are available for \$30. Decorated boxwood trees are

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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P5881EA

Estate of: Rochelle J Hastings
Date of Death:
07/17/22

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kimberly J Hastings of Tewksbury, MA

Kimberly J Hastings of Tewksbury, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI24P5316GD

In the matter of:
Bruce Burke
Of: Tewksbury, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Bruce Burke is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/06/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 8, 2024

Tara DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P6115EA

Estate of: Patricia A. Holroyd
Also Known As
Patricia Holroyd
Date of Death:
October 11, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Scott Holroyd of Tewksbury, MA

Scott Holroyd of Tewksbury, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P6083EA

Estate of:
Christopher Joseph Donohue

Date of Death: 08/24/2024

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sarah M Silva of Tewksbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Sarah M Silva of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 12/17/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 19, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

USE SPECIAL PERMIT,
SITE PLAN REVIEW,
LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2024 at 7:05 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Robert Zwicker on behalf of Richard E. Fortier and Rita G. Fortier for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit under Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to convert vacant lot into a landscape supply yard with an office in the existing house as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1628 & 1636 Shawshen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lots 2 & 3, zoned Industrial I.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
241235 11/27, 12/5/24

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Docket No. MI24P6040GD

In the matter of:
Joseph Martin
Of: Peabody, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joseph Martin is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/16/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 18, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

241246 11/27/24



Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting in Tewksbury

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — Workers from the Tewksbury DPW have been hard at work this past week hanging strings of lights and preparing the town common for the upcoming holiday season.

The Town of Tewksbury is once again planning to make the season merry and bright for all by hosting the annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec.

6, 2024.

This festive community celebration will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on the town common, located at 1009 Main St.

This night of holiday family fun will include caroling, balloon animals, children's crafts and letter writing to Santa.

Enjoy the beautiful ice sculpture donated by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce while sampling warm cider, roasted nuts and

other treats that can be purchased from What the Fork Catering and Totally Nutz.

Sharpen your marshmallow roasting skills over an open fire, or warm up with a cup of hot cocoa courtesy of the Tewksbury Police Department while you wait for the greatly anticipated tree lighting of the Tewksbury Common.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, the Tewksbury Fire Department will be in attendance to collect unwrapped toys as part of their annual toy drive to benefit children in need in our community. Please consider donating an unwrapped, new toy to this worthy cause.

Once the common is glowing with thousands of twinkling lights from this year's holiday light display, head across the street to the Tewksbury Congregational Church, located at 10 East St., to meet Santa at the annual pie social, open from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Parking for the evening is available at the Town Hall, at 1009 Main St., the Tewksbury Funeral Home, at 1 Dewey St., and in the parking lot of the Tewksbury Congregational Church, at 10 East St.

When driving in the area of the common on December 6, be advised that Town Hall Avenue and East Street at Pleasant Street will be closed to thru traffic during this event. Drivers should expect heavy foot traffic in that area.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, DECEMBER 11TH, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE # 13-24
6 CANAL STREET
MAP 31 PARCEL 7

APPLICANT:
CHAD LACROSSE,
REPRESENTING
JONATHAN & JENNIFER
CONTRADA

REQUEST: SPECIAL PERMIT
FOR ABOVE GROUND POOL IN
THE FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT
6.2.6

241224 11/27, 12/5/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed removal is a request from National Grid to remove the trees.

The location of the town tree affected is (2) Pines and (1) Oak at 175 Pine Street.

Objections can be made in writing at the time of the hearing or sent to the attention of the Tree Warden at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 prior to the hearing.

Kevin Hardiman, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Tree Warden

241220 11/21, 27/24

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40A, on Tuesday December 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of MCP/Howland Burr LLC, and American Outside Advertising LLC for a Special Permit Application to install and operate an Electronic Billboard located at 3 Executive Place, Tewksbury, MA pursuant to section 6.3 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw.

The hearing will be held in the Select Board's meeting room, Main Hall at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Input is welcome from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing, to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Patrick Holland, Chair
Select Board

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, for a NOI application filed by Kevin Carter for construction of a water main interconnection intermittent stream.

The property subject to this application is located at 365 EAST ST TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 74-2.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

USE SPECIAL PERMIT

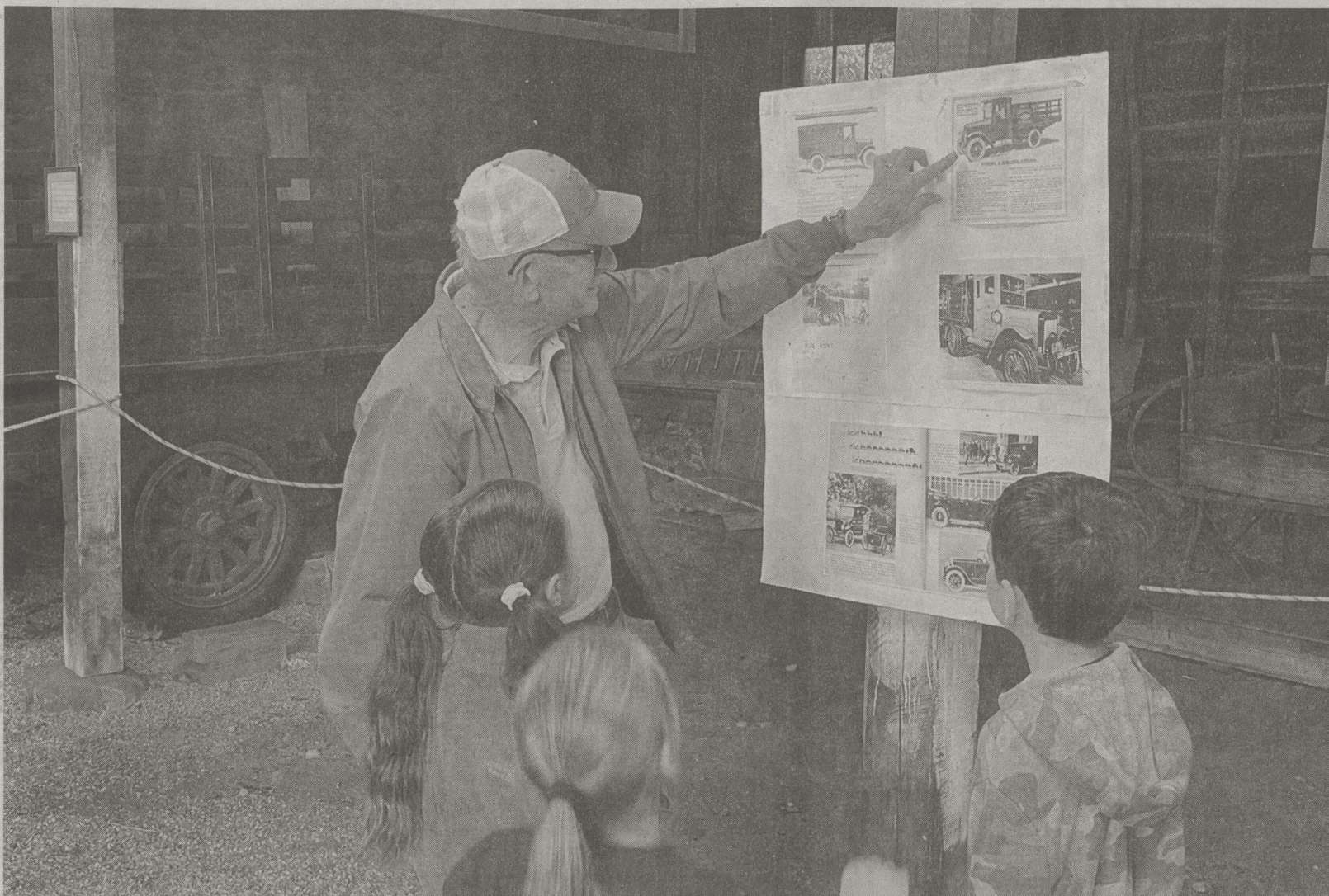
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 821 Main Street LLC for a Special Permit under Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to raze the existing buildings and construct a single family home and two duplex buildings as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 821 Main Street, Assessor's Map 48, Lot 15, zoned Village Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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Visiting the Town Museum

The Wilmington Town Museum hosted every third grade student from the Shawsheen Elementary and Woburn Street schools at the Museum! "We hope to see everyone again soon!" Pictured is curator Steve Berghaus showing their newly accessioned 1920s International Harvester Truck.

(Courtesy photo)

School Committee supports new form for using food in classes

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discuss at staff meetings. This allows school lessons, activities or projects involving food to be reviewed by a school nurse to sign off that there are no allergies in advance.

Dr. Jenn Bryson commented that she liked the form, as she saw it encouraging more teachers to be creative with food in ways that they hadn't before.

Brown replied that they were trying to still encourage STEM activities without making the form cumbersome.

Stephen Turner commented that he heard of districts that didn't allow any food in the classroom at all, and he thought this form was a

good approach. He also shared how he heard feedback that the new 11th and 12th grade physical education courses were being well received. He appreciated that not only is feeding students for free fundamental to help them learn, but also providing better quality food could lead to better behavior and more learning.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked if it would be possible to bring local produce to the middle and high school on more days of the week. Brown explained that Palin is trying not to incur a lot of cost around getting the locally grown food, but she's doing as much as she possibly can.

Mercaldi then asked how the physical educa-

tion curriculum is delivered at the younger levels. Brown described that at the younger levels they have separate health and physical education teachers at the lower levels and middle school, but a single teacher for health and physical education at the high school. However, she said that it's essentially the same curriculum.

David Ragsdale asked what Brown would like to see added to the program in the coming year. Brown replied she'd like to see service projects that help meet food insecurity needs or address loneliness by hosting events at the senior center.

Ragsdale also commented that he liked the new form for using food in the classroom.

Annual Castleberry Faire Holiday Craft Festival takes place this weekend

WILMINGTON — The annual Castleberry Faire Holiday Craft Festival will take place on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.), and Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at the Shriners Auditorium (99 Fordham Road).

This three day holiday shopping bonanza includes over 250 of the nation's finest craftspeople, displaying and selling this American made works including holiday décor, pottery, tile, lace, fine jewelry, soy candles, turned wood, soaps, fine art, toys, ceramics, wearable art, wildlife & nature photography, folk art, hair accessories, painted stemware, stained glass, floral arrangements, country wood crafts, knits, ornaments, puzzles, personal care, Victorian wreaths, leather, slate, pet coats, treats &

accessories, oil painting, children's clothing, clay, decorative painting, scarves, ladies apparel, garden décor, holiday wall hangings, flags, sports apparel, calligraphy, lamp shade covers, sheep skin accessories, embroidery, repurposed metal, custom signs, pillow quilts, blacksmith iron art, marquetry, fretwork, doll clothes, sheepskin, fleece, lampshade covers, nightlights, stone, musical instruments, fire colorant, wood burnings, decoupage, fiber, mixed media, table games, cutting boards, intarsia, up-cycled mittens, pine cone wreaths, nonfiction, fused glass, totes, fragrance, paper crafts, pewter, aroma-therapy, landscape photography, watercolor, holiday pendants, soft sculpture, wooden flags, resin and so much more.

A "food sampling" extra-

vaganza will be presented with such specialty delights as herbal dips, pepper spreads, maple, dry soup mixes, marinades, honey, roasted nuts, jellies, hot sauces, olive oils, premium chocolates, cannoli, exquisite pastries, hot chocolate balls, balsamic vinegars, pasta sauces, toffees, jerkies, salsa, pumpkin butter, Scottish fudge, baked nuts and more.

Admission costs \$10 per person. (\$8 discounted tickets can be purchased at <https://castleberryfairs.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Wilmington-Coupon-Nov-2024.pdf>.) Children 14 and under are FREE. One admission is good for ALL THREE DAYS. Parking is free.

Tickets are available at the gate during event hours or in advance online.

Building Maintenance Coordinator PT 14-DPW (Full Time 40 Hours)

The Town of Winchester seeks a candidate for a full-time Building Maintenance Coordinator position available at the Department of Public Works. A complete job description is available online at www.winchester.us.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, energy conservation measures, facility scheduling, post construction and warranty issues and all forms of facility maintenance. The Maintenance Coordinator also oversees all HVAC, lighting, plumbing, elevator service, fire alarm and fire suppression testing and upkeep, and security systems as well as any new technology. Ability to climb ladders, carry moderately heavy equipment and supplies. Physically able to directly participate in snow removal procedures. Requires extensive knowledge in all areas of building maintenance and repair equivalent to two years of technical training in carpentry, electrical work, masonry and plumbing. Construction supervisor's license or be able to obtain it within 18 months of hire. Ability to read blueprints and develop plans. Valid MA driver's license required.

THE SALARY RANGE IS \$67,775-\$98,946

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71 Mount Vernon Street, Winchester MA 01890

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SALARY RANGE IS \$24.87/HR.-\$28.56/HR.

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Eversource holiday energy efficiency tips

BOSTON — With the holiday season upon us, neighborhoods are starting to twinkle with festive light displays inside and out. Eversource is reminding customers about some ways to get in the holiday spirit while conserving energy, saving money and staying safe.

"Festive decorations and flickering lights really help to usher in the excitement of the holiday season — celebrations, gift-giving and spending time with loved ones," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "Whether you prefer thousands of imported twinkle lights or traditional candles in the window to set a cheerful holiday mood, we don't want our customers to miss out on energy savings that translates to financial savings that could be better spent on their family than their utility bill."

Customers can save money and protect the planet by replacing traditional incandescent lights with an energy-efficient light-emitting diode, or LED, holiday decoration. Not only do LEDs use 90 percent less energy than conventional bulbs and last 25 times longer, they're also brighter, eco-friendlier

and safer, as they are much cooler than incandescent lights.

No matter what type of decorations are being used, it's important to use them safely. Eversource also offers these holiday tips to help customers stay safe, as well as save money and energy:

- Inspect all lighted decorations, particularly older ones, and discard any with broken or cracked sockets; frayed or bare wires; or loose connections. Replace them with energy efficient varieties.
- When decorating outdoors, always look up and stay away from all power lines.
- Never raise ladders or extend objects anywhere near the lines.
- Never run extension cords under rugs or coil them tightly, which can cause them to overheat.
- Use a programmable timer for lights to ensure they aren't accidentally left on.
- Water and electricity do not mix so keep outdoor connections off the ground.
- Check labels to ensure lights are used properly — outside lights are labeled for outdoor use.
- All the parts of the lights need to be dampness and temperature-

proof.

- Check extension cords for wear and plug outdoor lights and decorations into GFCI outlets.
- Use advanced power strips for holiday décor to eliminate standby energy loss. This can be particularly helpful for inflatables like large snow globes, which may add as much as \$12 per month to your energy bill.
- Turn off room lights when the tree is lit to save energy while creating a festive atmosphere.

Find more holiday decorating and electrical safety tips at <https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/safety/electric-safety/outdoor-electric-safety/holiday-light-safety>.

About Eversource
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brief update that the school district safety and security audit was moving forward to audit the town's school facilities. This work was in connection to one of Brand's performance goals. Together with IT Director Ken Lord, they selected the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's free program for three Wilmington schools in-person in early December: the high school, the middle school, and the Shawsheen School.

They also engaged the

School safety, security audit moving forward

police department to ensure that school resource officers and the police chief were on board.

Turner wondered about the timeframe for the delivery of the report, though Brand said he couldn't remember exactly.

Ragsdale asked if the audit would take place during school hours, and Brand confirmed that this would be the case.

Nicholas Golden detailed the results of the Massa-

chusetts Association of School Committees conference and the resolutions they supported. He described that there was an amendment to the 7th resolution which he supported but the committee hadn't made, and all of the expiring resolutions were supported.

Ragsdale suggested they consider the process for next year and how they would address the expiring resolutions.

Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero provided a copy of the fiscal year 2024 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education end of year financial report which was required at the end of September. Ragsdale asked for the district's net balance, and Ruggiero specified that it was \$8,535 in the black.

Mercaldi wondered if there were any costs that were higher or lower than

expected. Ruggiero pointed out the transportation budget was higher than expected as they added a vehicle, and the substitute costs increased due to the use of a third-party company.

Turner commented to thank the work that Ruggiero and his team do with the district's finances. Fennelly stated that Wilmington was in a better place financially than some surrounding districts. They also considered

new policies and proposed certain policies be removed. Fennelly explained this was according to the recommendation of legal counsel. Ragsdale described they needed to edit the Title XI procedures, and they found redundant and noncompliant policies. There were also some procedures in the policy handbook to be removed.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.



Herb Chambers



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Movie Reviews & Box Office News
'Wicked' is a lavish adaptation of Broadway classic



'WICKED' GOOD - Cynthia Erivo, left, and Ariana Grande in a scene from the film adaptation of Broadway's "Wicked" released by Universal Pictures. (Universal Pictures via AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

It's the ultimate celebrity redemption tour, two decades in the making. In the annals of pop culture, few characters have undergone an image makeover quite like the Wicked Witch of the West.

Oh, she may have been vengeful and scary in "The Wizard of Oz." But something changed — like, REALLY changed — on the way from the yellow brick road to the Great White Way. Since 2003, crowds have packed nightly into "Wicked" at Broadway's Gershwin Theatre to cheer as the green-skinned, misunderstood Elphaba rises up on her broomstick to belt "Defying Gravity," that enduring girl-power anthem.

How many people have seen "Wicked"? Rudimentary math suggests more than 15 million on Broadway alone. And now we have "Wicked" the movie, director Jon M. Chu's lavish, faithful, impeccably crafted (and nearly three-hour) ode to this origin story of Elphaba and her (eventual) bestie — Glinda, the very good and very blonde. Welcome to Hollywood, ladies.

Before we get to what this movie does well (Those big numbers! Those costumes!), just a couple thornier issues to ponder.

Will this "Wicked," powered by a soulful Cynthia Erivo (owner of one of the best singing voices on the planet) and a sprightly, comedic, hair-tossing Ariana Grande, turn even musical theater haters into lovers?

Tricky question. Some people just don't buy into the musical thing, and they should be allowed to live freely amongst us. But if people breaking into song delights rather than flummoxes you, if elaborate dance numbers in village squares and fantastical nightclubs and emerald-hued cities make perfect sense to you, and especially if you already love "Wicked," well then, you will likely love this film. If it feels like they made the best "Wicked" movie money could buy — well, it's because they kinda did.

Much credit for that goes to Chu, who has said he spent so many years working on "Wicked" that three of his five children were born during that span. Chu clearly has musical theater in his DNA, as we already knew from "In the Heights." His actors don't break awkwardly into composer Stephen Schwartz's famous pop-show tunes: they run headlong into them, and sometimes blow the roof off with them.

Another question: Will

people be turned off when they see "To Be Continued" at the end, after two hours and 40 minutes, realizing they must wait a year for Part 2? Also tricky. Surely this COULD have been one movie. But then, how would they have followed "Defying Gravity," which brings down the Act 1 curtain (and the house) in the show? It's hard to imagine just continuing with the plot.

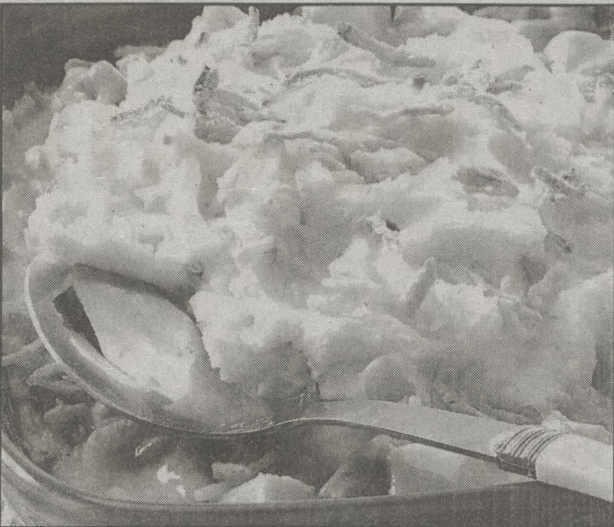
Yes, the plot: We begin with Grande's Glinda descending on Munchkinland in her glistening bubble, which since 1939 has been upgraded with a comfy sofa, to announce that, indeed, the wicked witch is dead.

But someone challenges Glinda: Is it true you were her friend? Well, er, yes, Glinda replies carefully. Their paths did cross — back at school.

Cue opening day at Shiz University. Glinda — well, for now, Glinda "with a ga" — an aspiring sorcery major, arrives in her pink suit looking like a mix of Grace Kelly and Elle Woods. She already has a fan base and a private suite.

Also arriving is Elphaba to help her sister, Nessarose (Marissa Bode) settle in. The students are horrified at her green skin. But when imperious Madame Morrible (Michelle Yeoh), dean of sorcery at Shiz, gets a glimpse of Elphaba's unhar-

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RECIPE



NO MORE LEFTOVERS - This comforting meal for six on the table with very little effort.

- STEPS**
1. Heat oven to 375°F. In 2-quart saucepan, mix turkey, green beans, soup and 1/3 cup of the milk. Cook over medium heat 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until mixture is hot.
 2. Make mashed potatoes in microwave as directed on box using water, remaining 2/3 cup milk, butter, salt and mashed potato mix.
 3. Remove turkey mixture from heat. Stir in cheese until melted. Pour into ungreased 2-quart casserole. Top with mashed potatoes.
 4. Bake uncovered 10 minutes. Sprinkle with onions; bake 3 to 5 minutes longer or until mixture is bubbly and onions are warm.

GREEN BEAN
TURKEY
CASSEROLE

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
 - 2 cups frozen cut green beans, (from 1-lb bag)
 - 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 3/4 cups water
 - 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cups plain mashed potato mix (dry)
 - 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz)
 - 1/2 can (2.8 oz) french fried onions (1/2 cup)

EXPERT TIPS

Leftover turkey from Thanksgiving? This is a tasty way to use it. Cranberry sauce and a tossed salad are colorful accompaniments.

nessed magical powers, the green girl becomes her prized student.

Elphaba hopes her sorcery lessons will lead to a meeting with the all-powerful Wizard of Oz, whose glorified head is carved into the campus and who, she secretly hopes, will grant her wish to be "de-greenified." She sings of this wish in "The Wizard and I," a lovely number introducing Erivo's uniquely supple vocals.

Another upbeat number, "What is this Feeling?," introduces the "loathing, unadulterated loathing" between Elphaba and Glinda, forced to room together. These early songs have a zippy appeal, and the best is "Dancing Through Life," a bang-up dance number that showcases the rakish charm of local prince Fiyero (Jonathan Bailey of "Bridgerton," dripping with charm) who proudly urges fellow students to join him

in his shallowness.

"Life's more painless, for the brainless," sings Bailey, accompanied by acrobatic dancers on huge, coordinated "tornado wheels" in a fabulous library. "Life Is fraught less, when you're thoughtless." Fiyero will develop into something different in Part 2. For now, he woos Glinda and strikes up a friendship with Elphaba.

But "Wicked" is about female friendship, and the sudden, surprising bond between polar opposites Glinda and Elphaba — chirpy vs. deep, pink-clad vs. black-clad. In the delightful makeover song "Popular," Glinda's tour de force, Grande swings from the chandelier, kicks like a can-can dancer, and gallivants around a to-die-for bedroom set that includes pink-sequined shoes popping out of nowhere.

Erivo's tour de force? That would be "Defying

Gravity," the show's huge signature song, coming as the mood has changed into something far more ominous. Both young women are in the Emerald City, where they — or at least, Elphaba — have discovered that the wizard is not powerful and beneficent, but more like, well, Jeff Goldblum: charming and weak, with a big, dark secret.

"So if you care to find me," belts out Elphaba, having discovered the power of her broomstick, "Look to the western sky." Where, exactly, is she going?

Hold that thought. For exactly one year.

"Wicked," a Universal Studios release, has been rated PG by the Motion Picture Association "for some scary action, thematic material and brief suggestive material." Running time: 160 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Holiday Humor and Nostalgia
Writing Workshop in Stoneham



The Room to Write (TRtW) will host a Holiday Humor and Nostalgia Writing Workshop at 10:30 a.m. on December 10th at the Stoneham Senior Center, 136 Elm Street, Stoneham, MA, 02180.

Registration is required; please sign up by calling the Stoneham Senior Center at 781-438-1157.

This event is part of TRtW's on-going programming for area retirees, seniors, and veterans and is made possible by StonehamBank.

For more information, please visit theroomtowrite.org or contact Linda Malcolm, Coordinator of Senior and Veteran Programming for The Room to Write: linda@theroomtowrite.org.

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A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December. Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund. The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program.

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Arlington's historic Regent Theatre hosts 'Sing-a-long-a Bohemian Rhapsody' between Christmas and New Year's Day

The Regent Theatre and Singalonga Productions, producers of the Sing-a-long Sound of Music, the Sing-a-long Mary Poppins, the Sing-a-long GREASE and the Sing-a-long Greatest Showman finally brings you the newest in a long line of Sing-a-Long movies. In 2018, Bohemian Rhapsody the biographical drama that focused on the life of Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of the British rock band Queen was a Box Office hit while grossing nearly \$1 Billion in sales. The film was awarded multiple Oscars as well as a Golden Globe award the following year. Arlington's Showplace of Entertainment will soon host the uniquely interactive and hugely successful Sing-a-long movie version of Bohemian Rhapsody when it rolls into town as part of a nationwide U.S. tour next month.

The Regent, in holding to their longtime tradition of screening Sing-a-long movies during the holidays, will screen the Sing-a-long version of Bohemian Rhapsody with full-concert sound on four nights: Thursday, December 26th, Friday the 27th, Saturday the 28th and on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st with each event be-

ginning at 7:30pm. Become Champions of the World for the night and cheer on Remi Malek's Oscar winning performance as the great Freddie Mercury. Relive Queen's unique Live Aid concert triumph as you experience Bohemian Rhapsody in the greatest way possible - with lyrics on the screen so you can join in singing along as loud and proud as you want.

But don't Stop just there, this is a totally different way to enjoy this smash hit movie - if you've not experienced a Sing-a-long before - now is the time! Dress-up in your best glam rock glitter; add a moustache and air guitar if you fancy, and away you go on the best night you can have with your family and friends. You'll have full permission to sing and dance your heart out and the Regent Theatre will provide you with your own Perform-a-long-a Goody Bag containing bric-a-brac that will enhance your participation!

"Sing-a-long Bohemian Rhapsody is much more than 'just a film'", says Leland Stein, the Theatre's Booking

Manager. "It's a complete event, an interactive celebration of the wonder of Freddie Mercury and Queen and probably the most fun you can have this Holiday Season, short of waking-up on Christmas to a sleigh-full of cheer with a dusting of snow outside!" Every performance starts with a Sing-a-long host who warms up the audience, trains them how to interact with the movie using the contents of their free props bag and heckle in all the right places as well as judge the fancy dress competition.

Please note this is a screening of the movie, not a live stage show and it is rated PG-13. The runtime is 175 minutes including a 20-minute intermission. The Regent Theatre "Arlington's Showplace of Entertainment" since 1916 is located on 7 Medford Street in Arlington, Massachusetts—minutes from Cambridge, Boston, and Routes 2 and 95.

For the best seats get Early Entry General Admission tickets for \$26.00 (No Additional Fees) and more information visit <https://regenttheatre.com> or call the Box Office at 781-646-4849.



SING-A-LONG BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY COMING TO ARLINGTON'S HISTORIC REGENT THEATRE

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

8 Arnold Ter was sold to Kim, Yong H and Choi, Sa L by Kinchla, Joanne L for \$720,000 on 11/05/24

LYNNFIELD

58 Mansfield Rd was sold to Karas, Emily and Karas, Matthew by Kashef, Kiana and Theobald, Jeffrey R for \$1,525,000 on 11/07/24

NORTH READING

238 North St was sold to Cotoia, Matthew C by Gattuso, Caroline A for \$512,500 on 11/05/24

11 Shore Rd was sold to Delios, Nicholas by Charles A Whittier Lt and Quinn, Madeleine for \$650,000 on 11/08/24

READING

16 Nugent Ln was sold to Nugent, David and Newtek Small Bus Fin LLC by Jcg Investments LLC for \$187,000 on 10/30/24.

7 Taylor Dr #7 was sold to Johnson Woods Realty Cor by Vaishnavi, Vick for \$1,050,000 on 10/25/24

26 Victoria Ave was sold to Melito, Michael and Melito, Paula by Demirdjian, David and Sheremata, Summer for \$1,025,000 on 10/30/24

464 West St was sold to Leblanc, Meghan by Dempersmier Jr, Jon M and Mcqueen, Alison E for \$809,000 on 10/24/24

15 Countryside Ln was sold to Snow, Christopher H by Snow, Donna M for \$485,000 on 11/08/24

213 Forest St was sold to Mangini, Matthew and Mangini, Olivia by Belezos, George and Belezos, Margaret for \$895,000 on 11/04/24

465 Franklin St was sold to Mallon Jr, Richard by Jeannette L Koulouris Lt and Koulouris, Jeannette L for \$1,125,000 on 11/08/24

707 Gazebo Cir #707 was sold to Hoang, Jon by Hoang, Karen L for \$570,100 on 11/04/24

345 Grove St was sold to Johnson, Robert by North Shore Res Dev Inc for \$2,250,000 on 11/08/24

695 Haverhill St was sold to Cheshkov, Artem by Green-Pelland, Lisa A for \$830,000 on 11/06/24

214 High St was sold to Leaman, Amanda by Bell, Taylor M and Bell, Bryce M for \$820,000 on 11/06/24

13 Ridge Rd was sold to Cronin, Courtney by Evangelista, Sarah E for \$643,000 on 11/04/24

322 Summer Ave was sold to Lamb, Nancy by Behaj, Leonard for \$700,000 on 11/08/24

484 Summer Ave was sold to Weis, Kelly and Weis, Timothy M by Clay Ft and Clay, Robert H for \$1,257,500 on 11/08/24

39 Taylor Dr #2007 was sold to Soylu, Kaan and Soylu, Funda by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$720,000 on 11/08/24

34 Washington St was sold to Barnett, Brian and Barnett, Dina by Kurker, Paul K and Obrien, Lynn E for \$955,000 on 11/07/24

STONEHAM

7 Broadway was sold to Williams, Jeremy M and Brazee, Patrica L by Foley, John M and Foley, Patricia A for \$799,000 on 11/07/24
62-64 Elm St #62 was sold to Evangelista, Felice S and Evangelista, Concetta by 44-46 Elm Street T and Trump, Sylvia for \$655,000 on 11/06/24

0 Main St #505 was sold to Cella, Richard J and Cella, Margaret H by Poorbay-athaghighishiraz and Zare, Golshad for \$363,000 on 11/08/24

TEWKSBURY

230 Nevada Rd was sold to Lakeview Loan Servicing by Hanscom Fcu and Rosberg, Devin for \$531,000 on 10/29/24

40 Oregon Rd was sold to Reddy, Bryanna C and Reddy, Laurie J by Kato, Benjamin and Fiote, Kirsten M for \$749,000 on 10/24/24

25 Vernon St was sold to Murray, Marcia E by 25 Vernon Street LLC and Hicks Jeffrey Est for \$434,000 on 11/01/24

10 Wescott Cir was sold to Drommond, Ellen and Drommond, Dean by Definis, Steven J for \$735,000 on 10/31/24

80 Apache Way #80 was sold to Sweeney, Christopher E by Agnes A Desaulniers RET and Scherer, Marie for \$462,500 on 11/07/24

4 Emerald Ct #4 was sold to Crupi Ft and Crupi, John C by 4 Emerald Court Rt and Murphy, Nancy for \$725,000 on 11/04/24

19 Fairway Dr #19 was sold to Rea, Mary M and Rea, Joseph M by Ronald Berton Irret and Berton Jr, Ronald F for \$620,000 on 11/08/24

76 Kendall Rd was sold to Mucci, John and Mucci, Kassia by Madsen, Daniel K and Madsen, Hanna L for \$900,000 on 11/04/24

21 Mulberry Way #21 was sold to Macy, Brian and Dentrement, Katherine by Patricia M Mccoy RET and Mccoy, Patricia M for \$540,000 on 11/08/24

4 Rockvale Cir was sold to Hutchings, Scott W by Murphy Patricia A Est and Flynn, Lisa for \$617,500 on 11/05/24

40 Wells Dr was sold to Banwait, Gurmukh S and Banwait, Mandeep K by Igo, Deborah for \$1,130,000 on 11/05/24

555 Whipple Rd was sold to 555 Whipple LLC by Jab Group LLC for \$1,500,000 on 11/04/24

WAKEFIELD

21 Herbert St #B was sold to Guo, Xiaodong by Yu, Victor and Boden-Yu, Deanna

for \$700,000 on 11/08/24

1 Houston St was sold to Dufault, Alexa and Regan, Bartley by Tringale Jr, Steven J and Tringale, Ashley for \$775,000 on 11/05/24

20 Lawrence St #1 was sold to R & Pamela Donnelly Rt and Donnelly, Richard E by J-Marg LLC for \$1,100,000 on 11/08/24

209 Prospect St was sold to Wilson, Brian and Wilson, Leila by Falzone, Phyllis and Bambery, Marisa for \$672,500 on 11/04/24

23 Sweetser St was sold to Kelso, James F by Conley Cynthia Ann Est and Greco, Pamela for \$687,500 on 11/08/24

20 Traverse St was sold to Tcjm T and Sullivan, Kathleen M by Riley Therese Claire Est and Riley Jr, John M for \$540,000 on 11/05/24

WILMINGTON

5 Sarafina Way was sold to Marks 3rd, Francis M and Marks, Nicole by Peura, Nathaniel and King, Meghan for \$835,000 on 10/30/24

90 West St was sold to Westdale Ave LLC by Willow Brook Property LLC for \$12,339,800 on 11/01/24

630 Woburn St was sold to Hannigan, Geoffrey and Hannigan, Brittany by Dibenedetto, Grace and Stratton, Roy for \$700,000 on 10/28/24

3 Emerson St was sold to Searles, Melissa L and Searles, Ryan W by Cutler, Janice for \$700,000 on 11/05/24

1 Olson St #12 was sold to Perez, Nancy by Doulbakian, Robert for \$179,000 on 11/05/24

20 School St was sold to Araujo, Kelen C by LI Gordon Ft and Gordon, Lawrence W for \$655,000 on 11/08/24

WINCHESTER

200 Swanton St #T8 was sold to Wilson, Marjorie M by Bagwadia, Zubin, Marjorie M Wilson RET for \$277,000 on 10/31/24

200 Swanton St #422 was sold to Rines, Joe by Li, Amy for \$360,000 on 10/31/24

15 W Chardon Rd was sold to 15 West Chardon Road LLC by Mota, Bruno and Mota, Kelly for \$3,005,000 on 10/25/24

59 Bacon St was sold to 59 Bacon Street Rt and Sandilya, Sandipani by Juniper Tree T and Murray, Robert W for \$3,000,000 on 11/07/24

Foxcroft Rd was sold to Mcdonald Contracting LLC by Baba, Linda M and Baba, Timothy W for \$1,300,000 on 11/08/24

5 Hillcrest Pkwy was sold to Massman, James P and Odonnell, Diane by Badger, Gregory C for \$1,950,000 on 11/05/24

6 Hillcrest Pkwy was sold to Bassman, James P and Odonnell, Diane by Badger, Gregory C for \$1,950,000 on 11/05/24

6 Robinson Park was sold to Na, Xi and

Lu, Ying by Zti LLC for \$3,738,000 on 11/08/24

200 Swanton St #L32 was sold to Wu, Ray Z and Lai, Mei H by Mcalpine, Patrick for \$350,000 on 11/05/24

5 Thoreau Cir was sold to Zhao, Linan and Ma, Ding by Ruth A Desanctis Irt and Desanctis, Ellen for \$1,910,000 on 11/04/24

WOBURN

37 Montvale Ave #4 was sold to Schroth, Michael by Chan, Chia-Hsin and Lee, Hong-Jen for \$360,000 on 10/28/24

39 Montvale Ave #9 was sold to Smith, Kyle by Huai, Qing and Zhu, Aijun for \$280,000 on 10/30/24

21 Stevin Dr was sold to Mancuso, John P by Wexelblat, Alan, John P Mancuso T for \$989,900 on 10/25/24

4 Stratton Dr #402 was sold to Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC by El Mamouni, Kaoutar and Ouarab, Yassine for \$296,300 on 10/25/24

4 Stratton Dr #103 was sold to Pulte Home Of New Eng LL by Van, Joshua H for \$296,300 on 10/28/24

12 Sylvanus Wood Ln was sold to Maitland, Graeme and Maitland, Lucille by Le, Thang B for \$1,000,000 on 10/25/24

607 was sold to Dellanno, James C by Kron, Jordan and Kron, David for \$420,000 on 11/08/24

1 Central St was sold to Sousa, Celio D by Lafayette, Beth A for \$905,000 on 11/07/24

17 Fieldstone Dr was sold to Arroyave, Hector D and Arroyave, Ana S by Flynn, John F and Flynn, Lauren for \$860,000 on 11/06/24

158 Green St was sold to Ringel, Caroline B and Celic, Daniel by Hubbard, Brittany M and Hubbard, Nicholas for \$635,000 on 11/07/24

63 Green St was sold to Duggan, Conor by Risser, Susan M and Risser, John M for \$920,000 on 11/05/24

37-A Kilby St #F was sold to Hussain, Awais by Loiselle, Matthew J for \$420,000 on 11/07/24

39 Montvale Ave #3 was sold to Crystal Joba LLC by Cinicolo, Jason for \$175,000 on 11/07/24

11 Orange St was sold to Colucci, Nicholas and Leclair, Renee by Devlin, James T and Devlin, Barbara J for \$705,000 on 11/08/24

7 Penny Rd was sold to Myers, Susan E by Eastman, Joanna B for \$166,667 on 11/07/24

4 Stratton Dr #2404 was sold to Kim, Chulhwan by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$884,999 on 11/04/24

4 Tremont St was sold to 4 Tremont Street LLC by Rabito, Carolyn for \$500,000 on 11/06/24



Tewksbury Police Log

Police help Tewksbury State Hospital with arrestee

Monday, November 18

1:23 a.m. - Caller stated a person came into their property and her sons alarm went off in the chicken coup at Whipple Road. The caller saw a male on camera and he was on foot. He was reportedly wearing a light shirt, dark pants, with something white hanging out back. Open shed at 730 Whipple Road and an open gate. Nothing was missing and all units cleared. Officer filed a report.

5:25 a.m. - Resident of Bogie Way reported she heard a glass break approximately 10 to 15 minutes ago. She reported right after it happened she called her son who was en route from Salem. She was instructed to tell her son to let the officers arrive on scene first. No signs of forced entry or glass broken. All units cleared. The police walked the house and caller stated he may have thought she was sleeping due to her being asleep when she heard it.

6:08 a.m. - Caller out of Marshalls reported loud

trucks at Mexica Burrito Grill. She did not want to speak with an officer. Police sent. No excess amount of noise at this time.

9:38 p.m. - Police at Motel 6 were sent due to suspicious activity. Officer reported parties checked out.

Tuesday, November 19

2:49 p.m. - At the second floor of Blaire House, caller stated male party that lived there stated he was slapped by a staff member. Police sent. Officer spoke to the party and filed a report.

4:43 p.m. - Caller stated low hanging wire in front yard and roadway at Brentwood Road. Police sent. They said to contact Verizon. Wires span from Livingston Street to Brentwood Road.

10 p.m. - Caller stated they could hear possible fight at Oscar's Piñata's. She could only hear them, but not see it. Police sent. It was a verbal argument between two male friends. They left in Uber prior to

officer's arrival.

11:09 p.m. - Caller stated loud party at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. They reported small family party and would be ending for the night.

Wednesday, November 20

3:34 a.m. - A 911 caller reported three teenagers with their faces painted while sitting on the steps of the addition at Elizabeth Street. Caller reported they have flashlights as well. Police sent. No one was outside in the neighborhood. The police were going to speak with caller. They spoke with the caller and her daughter. No one was around.

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver at Trull Road heading toward Andover. It was a blue Toyota Camry. Police sent. The vehicle was gone on arrival, and the Andover Police Department was notified.

10:53 a.m. - Caller reported a male party pacing up and down the roadway at Farwood Road. Male

was described as a 40-year old white male with facial hair, brown hair, of average height, husky build, and wearing a backward hat with a blue track suit. Police sent. They reported male lived in the area and was just walking.

11:06 a.m. - Caller reported a male party came to the spa to attempt to enter the unit at Oasis Day Spa, but the door was locked. Caller stated this previously happened, but the male wasn't able to be located. Male should know that the spa was by appointment and he was no longer on scene. The caller would like a log entry at this time.

12:41 p.m. - Campus police department at Tewksbury State Hospital requested assistance for the distribution of a male arrestee. Police sent. Vivian Carter, 48, of 889 Harris Ave. in Boston, was arrested and charged with a warrant for trespass and vandalize property.

11:44 p.m. - Caller from Blease Drive reported a man yelling in the area as if he was being assaulted. Caller said officers could park on her driveway and walked through the backyard trail in her yard. Police sent. Units checked the area with nothing showing out of place. One of the residences in the area had some animals in backyard that could have

been causing the noises.

Thursday, November 21

5:07 p.m. - A 911 caller in parking lot reported that his van was missing at Woburn Street and hasn't been seen in the past two days. Police sent and officer filed a report.

8:19 p.m. - Resident looked to speak with an officer regarding issues with neighboring juveniles yelling at them while they were on their balcony at Archstone Avenue. Police sent. All parties were spoken to. Disagreement over handicap parking.

Friday, November 22

9:45 a.m. - Caller stated homeless person living in his vehicle had been sleeping in the lot at Circle E. He threw garbage on the ground and had cup filled with urine on his dashboard that he also threw on the ground. Police sent. They spoke with the caller and individual; agreed the subject could stay in the parking lot for a few more. No trespassing at this time. Officer would be getting some resources.

3:34 p.m. - Caller stated this was a group home, and there was an employee that was not supposed to be there at Fiske Street. She was served a letter stating she was not supposed to be there by the state, refusing to leave.

Police sent. Female was no trespassed from property. Officer to file a report.

3:51 p.m. - Caller reported a child's bike was in the middle of the lot at Main Street. Police sent. Bike had been moved to the sidewalk and appeared to have been dumped.

8:39 p.m. - A 911 caller stated customer refused to leave drive-through due to pricing of burgers at Wendy's. Police sent and the female left the location. They spoke to caller.

Saturday, November 23rd

3:25 p.m. - Caller stated house was vacant and the front door was open at this time at Northgate Road. Police sent. Officer shut the door and he was unsure if it would stay shut.

6:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported someone was chasing a car through the lot on foot and dove through the window at Amigos Bar and Grill. Male operator got out with something in his hand and then got in the car leaving the lot on Main Street toward Market Basket in silver or blue hatchback. The police sent and checked the area. The vehicle was gone on arrival. They spoke with people in the parking lot and they did not witness any altercations.



Wilmington Police Log

Accident on Lowell Street sends three to hospital

Friday, Nov. 15:

8:27 a.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported that a man got out of his vehicle and threatened her with a wooden bat or stick. The caller had since driven away, and police went to Middlesex Avenue to talk to the man in question.

4:24 p.m.: A person on Middlesex Avenue reported being sent fraudulent checks. The case was transferred to detectives.

5:31 p.m.: Security at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported that someone was in the process of stealing a \$1,000 vacuum. Despite checking the surrounding area and highways, police were unable to find the shoplifter.

Saturday, Nov. 16:

11:22 a.m.: A red 2014 Ford F250 and a black 2011 Mitsubishi Galant were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

3:06 p.m.: Thiago Mai Hibner Miranda of 19 Highland St., Apt. #3, in Wakefield was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of an unregis-

tered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2012 Honda Accord on Main Street.

6:57 p.m.: Matthew J Amantola of 71 Middlesex Ave., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for failure to stop for police, speeding at a greater rate than reasonable or proper, a marked lanes violation, and assault & battery. This followed a caller on Woburn Street reporting he witnessed a woman being thrown out of a car onto the road.

Sunday, Nov. 17:

9:22 a.m.: A gray 2005 Jeep Liberty and a green 2011 Subaru Impreza were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Salem Street.

11:18 a.m.: A white 2024 Ford Maverick and a black 2013 Ford Edge were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No injuries were reported, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

11:25 p.m.: A woman on Randolph Road reported she thinks someone may have broken into her house, as the woman let her dog outside and it kept on barking, despite no one else appearing to be in her house. Police checked the

house and found no signs of a break-in.

Monday, Nov. 18:

3:08 p.m.: A caller on South Street reported that she was being harassed by a tree service company over money the company says she owes that she claims she doesn't owe. The caller was found to not be the victim of harassment, and both she and the company were advised that the situation was a civil matter.

5:07 p.m.: A caller reported that she struck a deer with her black 2019

Nissan Sentra nearby Reed Corp New England Granite on West Street. The deer continued on its way, and the caller declined medical attention.

Tuesday, Nov. 19:

4:14 p.m.: Yamel Jahasiel Olivo of 2 Wood Way, Apt. #2, in Lawrence, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a first offense of using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle, and giving a fake name to a police officer. This followed a stop of his white 2016 Ford Transit on Main Street.

Wednesday, Nov. 20:

1:39 p.m.: A caller on Parker Street reported a car parked outside of their house, and a man got out and began banging loudly on their door. A second caller soon after reported that the man was back in his car and was

parked in behind the caller's vehicle. The man stated he was there to buy a phone, but was advised there wasn't anywhere he could buy a phone in the area, and was sent on his way.

2:18 p.m.: A caller at the Dollar Tree on Main Street reported seeing a vehicle hit a parked vehicle, and that she was able to get the driver to stop and wait for police. Both vehicles were found to be driveable, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

8:29 p.m.: A caller on Flynn Way reported possibly becoming the victim of fraud — the caller was advised to hang up, call her bank, take steps to protect her account, and to call back if she lost money or if she confirmed her account was compromised.

Thursday, Nov. 21:

5:02 a.m.: A car was

reported to have hit a pole on Clark Street., with the fire department responding first. Verizon was informed the pole needed to be inspected due to massive damage.

2:11 p.m.: A caller on Grove Avenue reported seeing two men dumping an unknown liquid in the area, with a pickup truck being seen nearby. The men in question stated they were removing water from the basement of Greg's Roast Beef, and showed police where they dumped the water, with police advising them they can't simply dump water wherever they want.

3:11 p.m.: A blue 2019 Chevy Silverado, a black 2017 Toyota Sienna, and a red 2009 Chevy Tahoe were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street, with injuries being reported. Two adults and one juvenile were taken from the scene by ambulance.

Two-way traffic returns to Woburn Street

WILMINGTON — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the resumption of two-way traffic on Woburn Street over I-93 beginning on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 26, 2024 at 3 p.m. This change will enable safe travel and facilitate snow removal operations throughout the winter.

Vehicles traveling on Woburn Street will encounter a temporary

traffic signal on flash mode while the bridge is open to two-way traffic through the work area.

Work will continue in the spring of 2025 on the bridge rehabilitation and preservation project currently underway. This will include the removal of pavement and subsequent concrete deck repairs as needed, along with the installation of new bridge pavement, bridge joints, and sidewalk repairs.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

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Local students earn academic honors at St. John's Prep

DANVERS — St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above

in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses. Grade 6 students will be eligible for honor roll beginning second quarter.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the first quarter 2024-2025.

TEWKSBURY

Head of School List
• William Forsyth '27
• Ayyan Kamran '26

Principal's List
• Timothy Tuttle '28

WILMINGTON
Head of School List

• Ryan Gallozzi '29
• Jonathan Morad '25

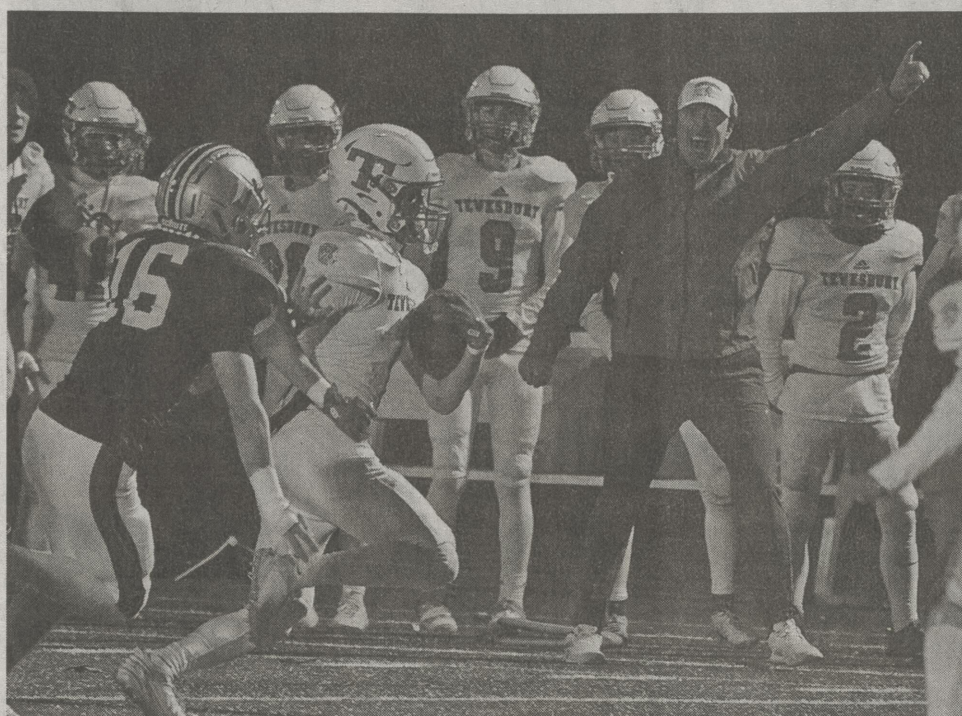
• Nicholas Morad '25
• John Salvador '29

Principal's List

• Jake Arsenault '27
• Matthew Norton '28

Honor Roll

• Justin Gallozzi '29
• Christopher Morad '28



▲ With coach Joel Mignault celebrating on the sidelines, Ben Christopher races to a first-quarter touchdown. (Joe Brown photo)

Redmen come up short in semifinals

Tewksbury edged out by Duxbury for second straight season

By DOUG HASTINGS
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The Duxbury High football team used a nine-play, 60-yard drive to take the lead and hang on for a 28-21 win over Tewksbury in a Div. 4 semifinal game in Walpole on Saturday night. Duxbury will play Scituate for the state championship.

"We had a couple of lapses that hurt us," said Tewksbury coach Brian Aylward, whose team also lost to Duxbury in the playoffs last season. "When you have a chance to get (the Duxbury offense) off the field, you have to get them off the field. If you give them too many chances with that offense, they're going to go ahead and convert and score. We fought hard. We expected to be here, but we knew the road to Gillette was probably going to have to go through Duxbury at some point."

"Credit to Tewksbury and credit to our guys," Duxbury coach Matt Landolfi said. "We kept pushing and making little adjustments here and there. I'm so happy for the boys."

Duxbury senior Jack Rees scored the go-ahead touchdown with a 1-yard run with 4:16 remaining in the game.

The Redmen then drove to just about midfield, but ultimately turned the ball over on downs with 1:28 left.

Tewksbury took a 7-0 lead at 5:53 of the first quarter when junior Ben Christopher took a pass from senior quarterback Vincent Ciano and scored from 39 yards out.

Jackson Feudo added the extra point.

An 18-yard pass to Christopher and a 13-yard connection to junior Jonny Sullivan set up the score. Sullivan also added a clutch play that didn't even see him make a catch when he drew a pass-interference call on a third-and-nine play from the TMHS 46-yard line.

The Dragons answered with a 65-yard drive that

ended with a 14-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Trevor Jones with 2:20 left in the first quarter.

"Trevor Jones had an unbelievable game," Landolfi said.

A fourth-down pass from Jones to Rees for 32 yards helped set up the score.

Defensive plays by senior Joe Barletta and junior Nicky Desisto forced a Dragon punt and the Redmen took the lead back with a 57-yard drive, scoring when Desisto ran for a 5-yard touchdown to make it 14-7 with 5:07 to go in the half.

A bruising 21-yard run by Manny Mengata and an 18-yard reception by senior Joe Barletta set up the TMHS score. Mengata simply steamrolled a defender during his first-down jaunt.

Duxbury scored a critical touchdown to tie game at halftime, moving 65 yards in 14 plays and finding the end zone when Jones hit senior Jack Sovik with a 13-yard touchdown pass. Jones added the extra point with just 16 seconds to go before intermission.

The Dragons converted on a fourth-and-one play during the drive as Rees picked up 3 yards to the Tewksbury 8-yard line.

Sullivan had a third-quarter interception for Tewksbury with Duxbury at the Redmen 40-yard line, but Duxbury took its first lead with 2:27 left in the third quarter.

A 55-yard drive that took eight plays ended with a 9-yard run by Rees and Jones' extra point to make it 21-14.

A 10-yard pass to junior Ian McNeil and a 21-yard run by Jones were the key plays in the drive.

The Redmen would tie the game for the third time with 9:24 remaining after Ciano hit junior Jake Burns with a 5-yard touchdown pass.

The 12-play drive covered 65 yards and was aided by two Dragon penalties that led to first downs, the second another pass-interference call on a pass to Sul-

livan, who drew plenty of attention throughout the game.

An 11-yard run by Christopher and a 10-yard reception by junior Sean Callahan helped set up the Tewksbury score.

Duxbury would have the final say, however.

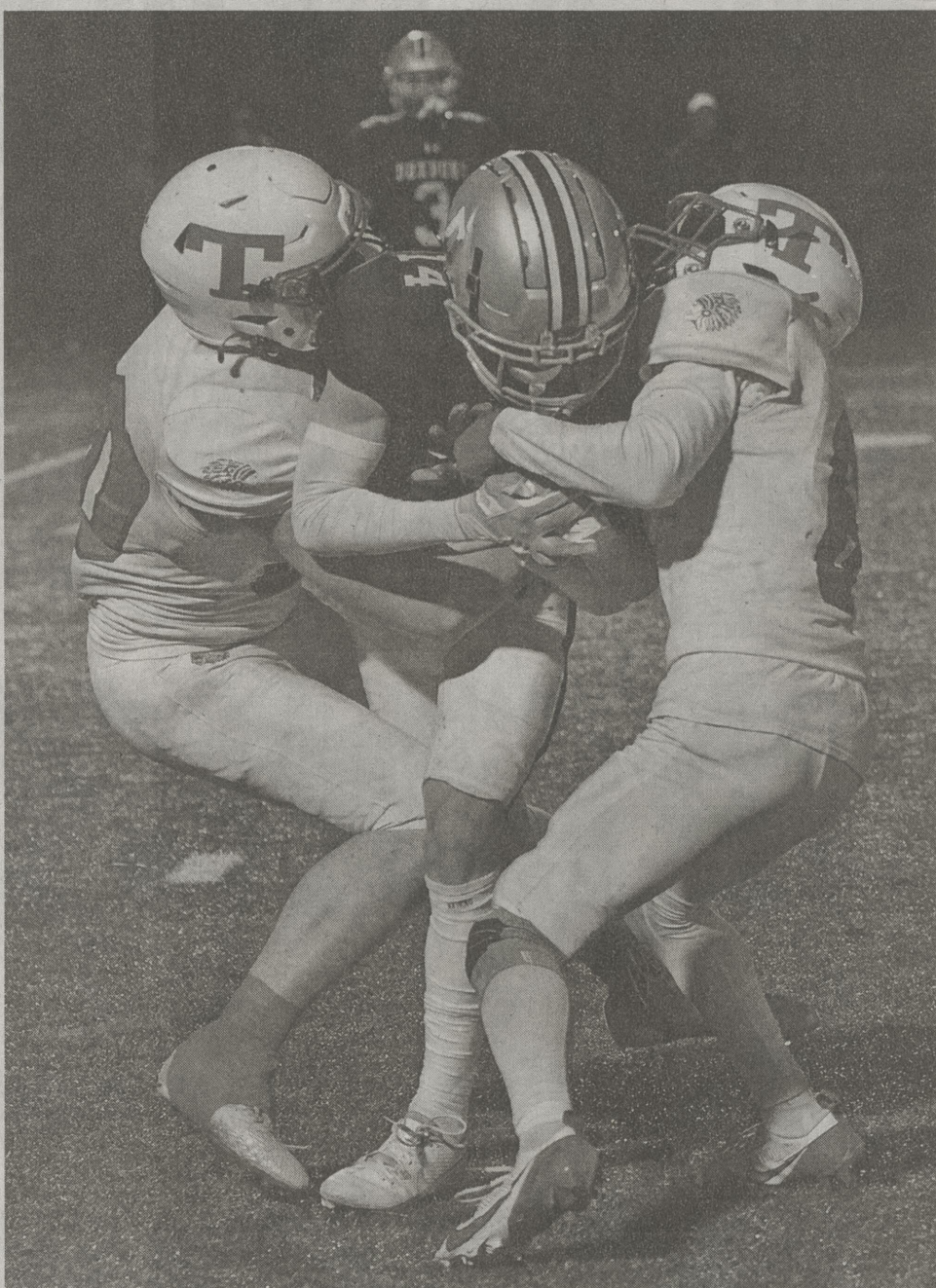
The last drive featured a first-down catch by Sovik on a third-and-eight pass early

In the drive, a 19-yard run by Rees and a 13-yard carry by Senior Brett Bart before Rees took a direct snap and plunged into the end zone to send Duxbury to the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium.

Callahan returned the ensuing kickoff 25 yards to the 36 and a 7-yard pass to Mengata put Tewksbury at Duxbury's 46-yard line. On fourth down with 1:28 to go, Ciano found Christopher with what would have been a first-down catch, but the ball just slipped out of Christopher's hands as he fell to the turf.

In 2023, Duxbury beat Tewksbury by a 19-7 score in the semifinals before blowing out Scituate in the Super Bowl.

"Tewksbury is a tough, tough team," Landolfi said. "It seems like we play them every year (in the playoffs)."



▲ The Tewksbury defense closes in on a Dragon runner. (Joe Brown photo)

▼ Thanks to a block from Nicky Desisto (6), quarterback Vincent Ciano scrambles away from a Duxbury tackler. (Joe Brown photo)



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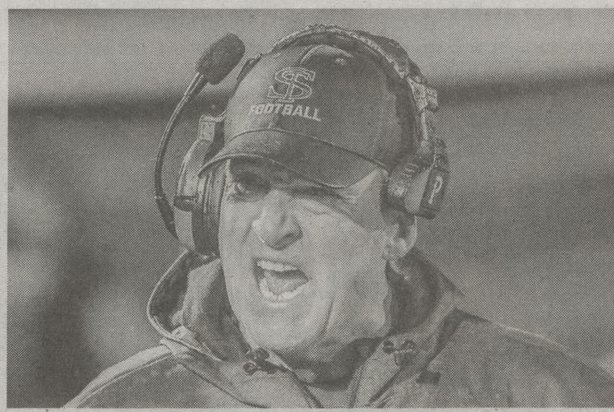
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**Rams blow out Old Rochester in state semifinals,
punch ticket to Gillette Stadium**

By **DOUG HASTINGS**
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At one point earlier in the season, Shawsheen Tech quarterback Sid Tildsley admitted that during his Pop Warner days in Billerica, he was a running quarterback.

A running quarterback? In four years guiding Shawsheen's offense, Tildsley has thrown for more 5,000 yards, something less than 30 other people in state history can boast.

A running quarterback? Tildsley has thrown for 68 career touchdowns including 15 this year as a senior.

A running quarterback? There is likely a few players from Old Rochester Regional High School that will gladly co-sign on Tildsley's claim.

On Friday night in Scituate with a trip to Gillette Stadium hanging in the balance, the Rams beat Old Rochester by a 28-7 score and Tildsley was every bit the signal-caller that likely gave Pop Warner opponents fits for many years in the youth ranks.

"The job is not finished," said Tildsley after the win. "I was (at Gillette) my sophomore year, last year



▲ Above, Dyllon Pratt of Shawsheen Tech runs the ball against Old Rochester's Jake Proffit during the MIAA Division 5 state semi-final game in Scituate, MA. Shawsheen Tech won 28-7.

▲ At top, Shawsheen Tech head coach Al Constable fires up his players on the sidelines during Friday's MIAA Division 5 state semi-final game

(Credit Images: James Thomas)

we came up short. It's always great to get there, but you have to do it when it comes down to it."

Tildsley had what could be a career-defining drive that put the game away.

After Brody Hiles of the Bulldogs intercepted Tildsley at the 10-yard line and returned his pick to midfield, Old Rochester turned the ball over on downs at the Shawsheen 42-yard line with 1:50 left in the third quarter.

That's when Tildsley took over.

A 6-yard run by Tildsley on second down created a third-and-three before Tildsley's hard count on the next snap drew the Bulldogs offside. It was the second time Tildsley used his lungs, as opposed to his arm and legs, to terrorize opponents.

Runs of six and 15 yards by Tildsley moved the Rams

to the ORR 25-yard line before he picked up nine more on third-and-eight.

With 9:28 to go in the game, Tildsley broke free for a 13-yard gain that ended at the goal line and No. 12 finished the drive on the next play with a 1-yard hammer into the end zone.

He finished with 114 yards rushing on 19 carries.

Jack Finn's extra point made it 21-0 and the mood on the Old Rochester sideline had taken a significant hit.

The Bulldogs had a final gasp.

ORR moved to the Shawsheen 41-yard line on its next drive and when Ram senior cornerback Brayton Carbone left the game briefly with an injury, the Bulldogs tried to pass at senior defensive back Will Holloway of Tewksbury. On back-to-back plays, Holloway defended deep

passes from quarterback Gavin Martin to junior Henry Berry and sophomore Hunter Horsey.

Both fell incomplete and Tildsley broke up a fourth-down throw with seven minutes left.

The Rams scored five plays later when junior Jake Banda scored on a 25-yard run with just 3:47 left. Banda drove the bus on the 59-yard drive to end zone, carrying four times for 54 yards. He finished the game with 111 yards rushing on 13 totes.

Old Rochester spoiled the shutout against a late-game defense that included several from Shawsheen's backup unit.

Hiles, Berry and senior Jack Leconte all had first-down grabs before Leconte scored on a 1-yard run. Jake Proffit's extra point

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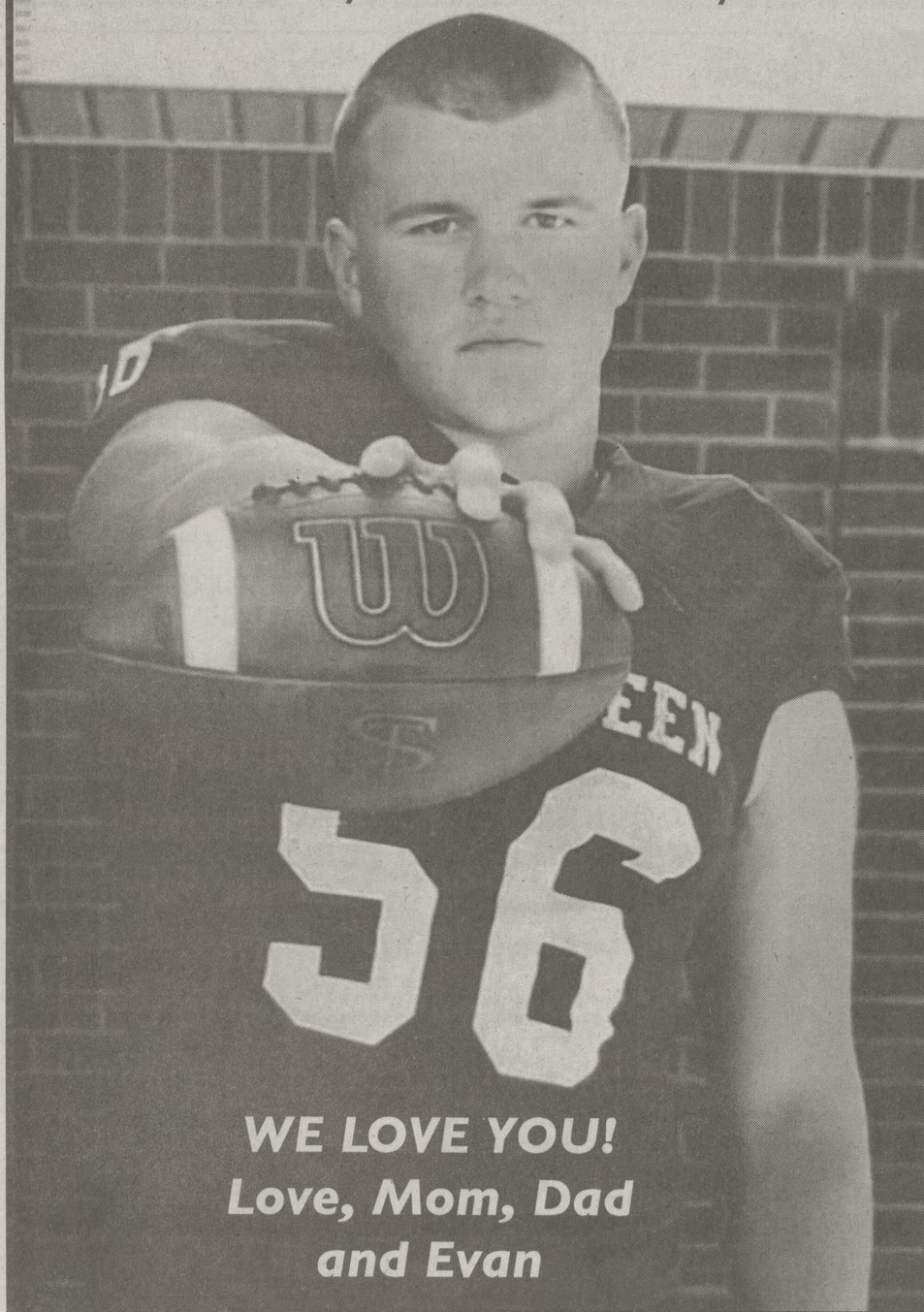
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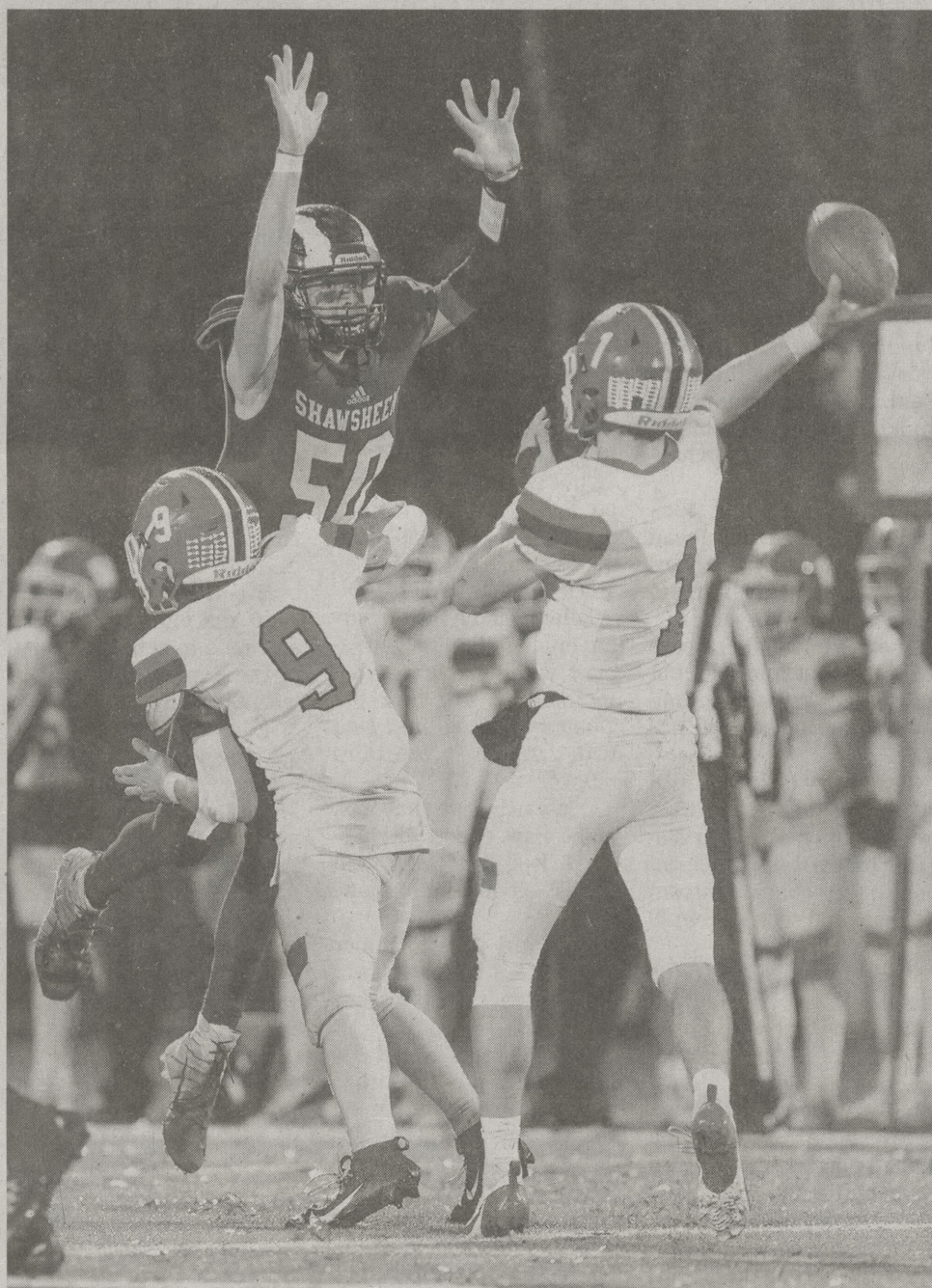
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▲ Nathan Malandain of Shawsheen Tech tries to block a pass by Gavin Martin of Old Rochester during Friday's MIAA Division 5 state semi-final game in Scituate, MA. Shawsheen Tech won 28-7.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

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made it 28-7 with 2:01 to go. Shawsheen took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, scoring on its first two drives.

The Rams brought the opening possession 64 yards in eight plays and finished with a 1-yard run by Tildsley.

First down runs by Banda and Timmons and a 15-yard run by Tildsley set up the score just 3:49 into the game.

With 1:27 left in the quarter, Tildsley scored on a 3-yard run to make it 14-0.

Tildsley drew old Rochester offside on fourth-and-three early in the drive, then a 12-yard run by Tildsley and a 14-yard gain by Banda set up the touchdown.

The Bulldogs actually moved to the Ram 23-yard line late in the first half, but Ram junior Dylon Pratt intercepted Martin at the 12.

Martin had a 12-yard pass to Horsey on fourth and four to get old Rochester within striking distance.

Another defensive highlight in the first half included a big hit on a kick-off return by Ram senior Ryan Jamieson.

"We take pride in our defense," said Tildsley. "We think if they can't score, they can't win. That's our

motto."

The Bulldogs started the second half with the ball, but senior Cullen Walsh of Wilmington and senior Conor Fitzgerald of Billerica made defensive stops to set up an ORR punt.

The kick in the driving rain was actually fumbled by Tildsley, but Pratt pounced on the loose ball at the 41-yard line.

Shawsheen nearly scored on its first drive of the second half.

A 16-yard pass to Pratt on fourth-and-12 put the Rams at the 19-yard line, but Hiles intercepted Tildsley four plays later.

Tildsley's knockout punch soon followed.

"I'm so proud of these kids," said Al Costabile, Shawsheen's coach. "I'm so proud of Sid and the coaches. This is the hardest working group of kids I've ever coached."

Shawsheen has two games left in a three-year run that the school has never seen before.

Thursday, the Rams host Arlington Catholic at 10 a.m. before the Div. 5 state championship game that will be held between Dec. 4 and Dec. 6.

Shawsheen (11-0) battle Foxborough, a 14-7 winner over Hanover in the other semifinal.

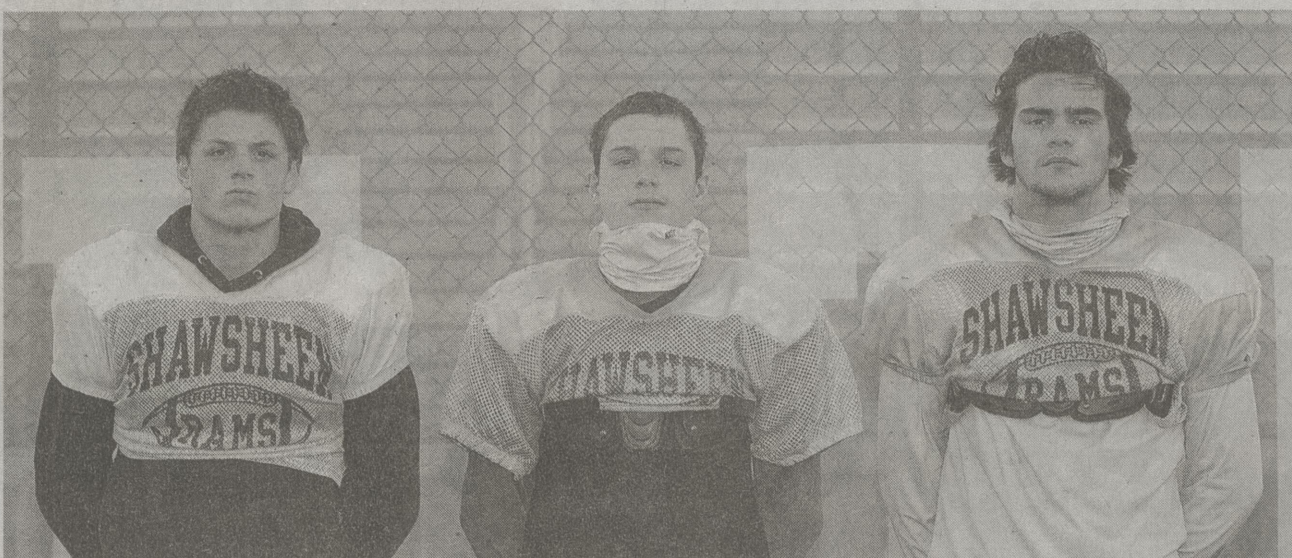


◀ Sid Tildsley of Shawsheen Tech makes a throw on the run against Old Rochester during Friday's MIAA Division 5 state semi-final game in Scituate, MA. Shawsheen Tech won 28-7.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

▼ Shawsheen captains, from left, Sid Tildsley, Brayton Carbone and Zack Timmons bring an undefeated record into the Thanksgiving Day game with Arlington Catholic.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Jake Banda (right) of Shawsheen Tech has his face mask pulled by Henry Barry of Old Rochester during Friday's MIAA Division 5 state semi-final game in Scituate, MA.

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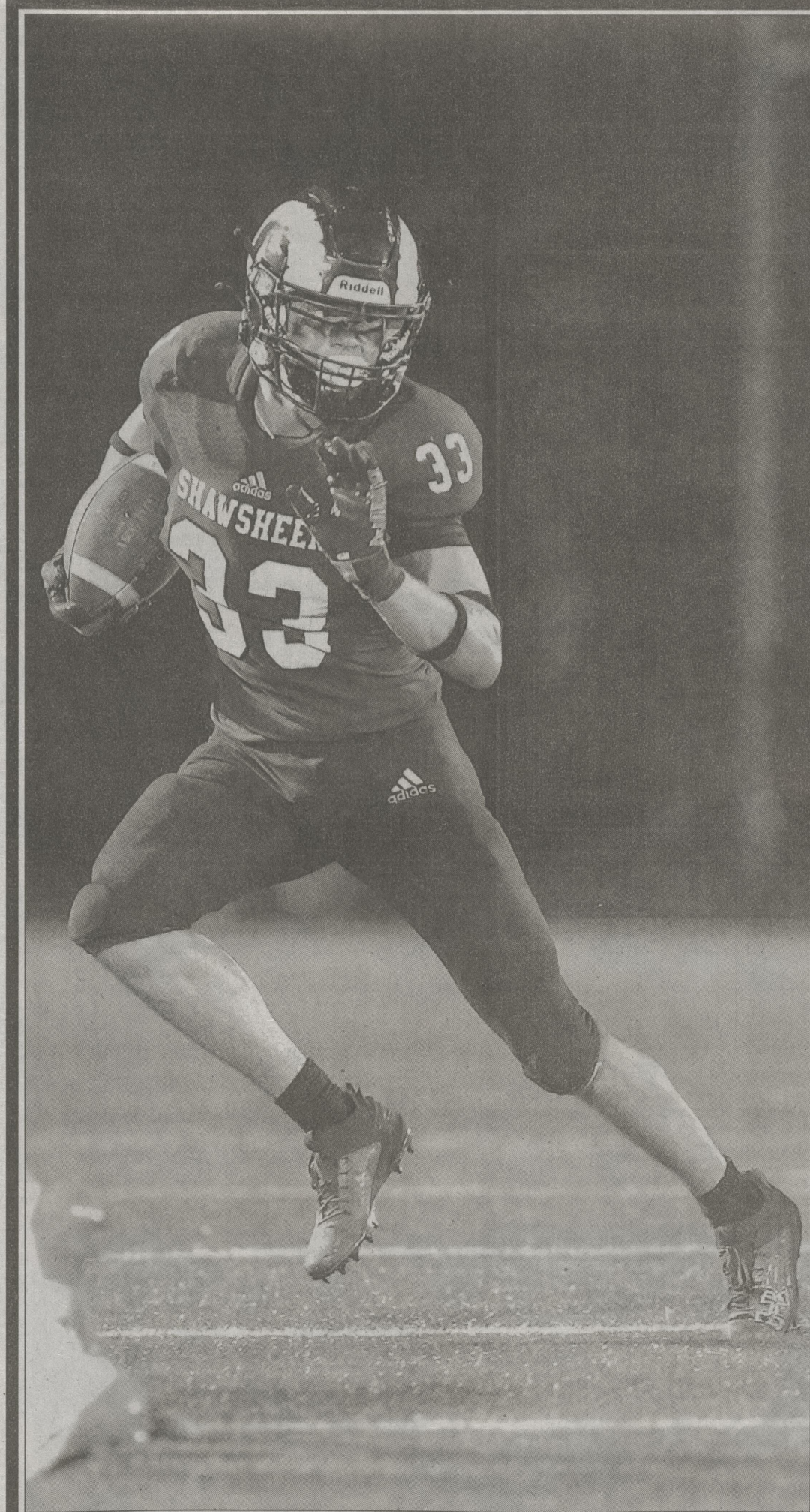


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Lifestyle

Be aware of return policies and sale items this holiday shopping season

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

With the commencement of Black Friday and Cyber Monday weekend, the holiday shopping season is officially in high gear.

For the experienced power shopping consumer, shopping routines of the past may have to be recalculated this shopping season as many retailers are revising their sales tactics and return policies for the 2024 shopping season.

According to Forbes Magazine, U.S. holiday sales are expected to reach \$277 billion, up two percent from last year.

Shoppers should still expect significant sales throughout the holiday season, however, retailers may become more selective about the items that

are put on sale.

Instead of blanket sale prices on entire departments, such as televisions, retailers may instead select to focus on top sellers or new to market items.

During Cyber Week, which runs from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, shoppers can expect to see the largest amount of deals, with many deals lingering well into the month of December.

Historically speaking, Black Friday and Cyber Monday are the best time to take advantage of sales on electronics, household items, and toys.

Despite all the advertised bargains that will be available for the upcoming shopping season, experts warn consumers should do their research before they purchase.

Be aware of any "hot" or hard to find gifts of this season, particularly toys and video games. Sometimes holding

out for a deal on these types of items may mean you will lose out on being able to purchase one in time for gift-giving.

Shoppers should not rely on price matching from retailer to retailer this year as most retailers will not honor Cyber Week sale prices from other stores.

Keep in mind that many retailers such as REI, Target and Amazon are also revising return policies this year in order to put a stop to the recent rise in fraudulent returns.

This revision of return policies is targeted to the habitual merchandise return customer who may be banned from making exchanges or returns.

The National Retail Federation estimates over \$100 billion was lost to return scams in 2023. These scams include returning used items, using fake receipts for stolen goods,

and switching high valued items with knockoff reproductions.

This new return restriction is estimated to affect less than .02 percent of consumers, and is targeted towards those with an annual average return rate of 79 percent.

Some retailers are reserving the right to refuse returns on suspected fraudulent activity, or may add processing fees for returned items.

Most retailers will post their return policy well in advance of the holiday shopping season, but if you don't see it posted online or in the store, don't be afraid to ask about the return policy before you purchase.

For those who plan to do one-stop, online shopping this year, be advised the online retail giant, Amazon, is temporarily extending their holiday return

policy for the 2024 shopping season.

Items purchased between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024 can be returned until Jan. 31, 2025. Certain items such as Apple products and other select merchandise have a shorter return window and may be subject to partial refunds or restocking fees.

For a full list of Amazon's 2024 return policy, visit [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and search Refunds.

The 2024 shopping season is promising to be as busy and hectic as ever.

One should take to heart that this olympic-like shopping event is not for the meek or impulsive buyer, as the educated consumer is sure to be the victor, winning the most gift giving-bang for their holiday buck.



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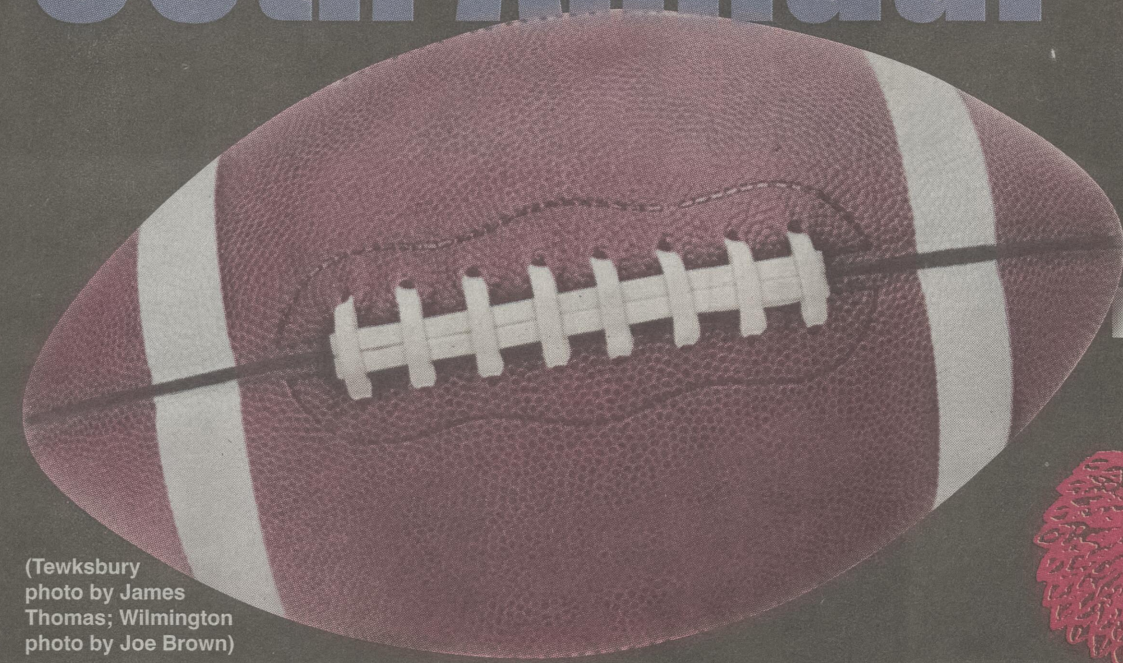
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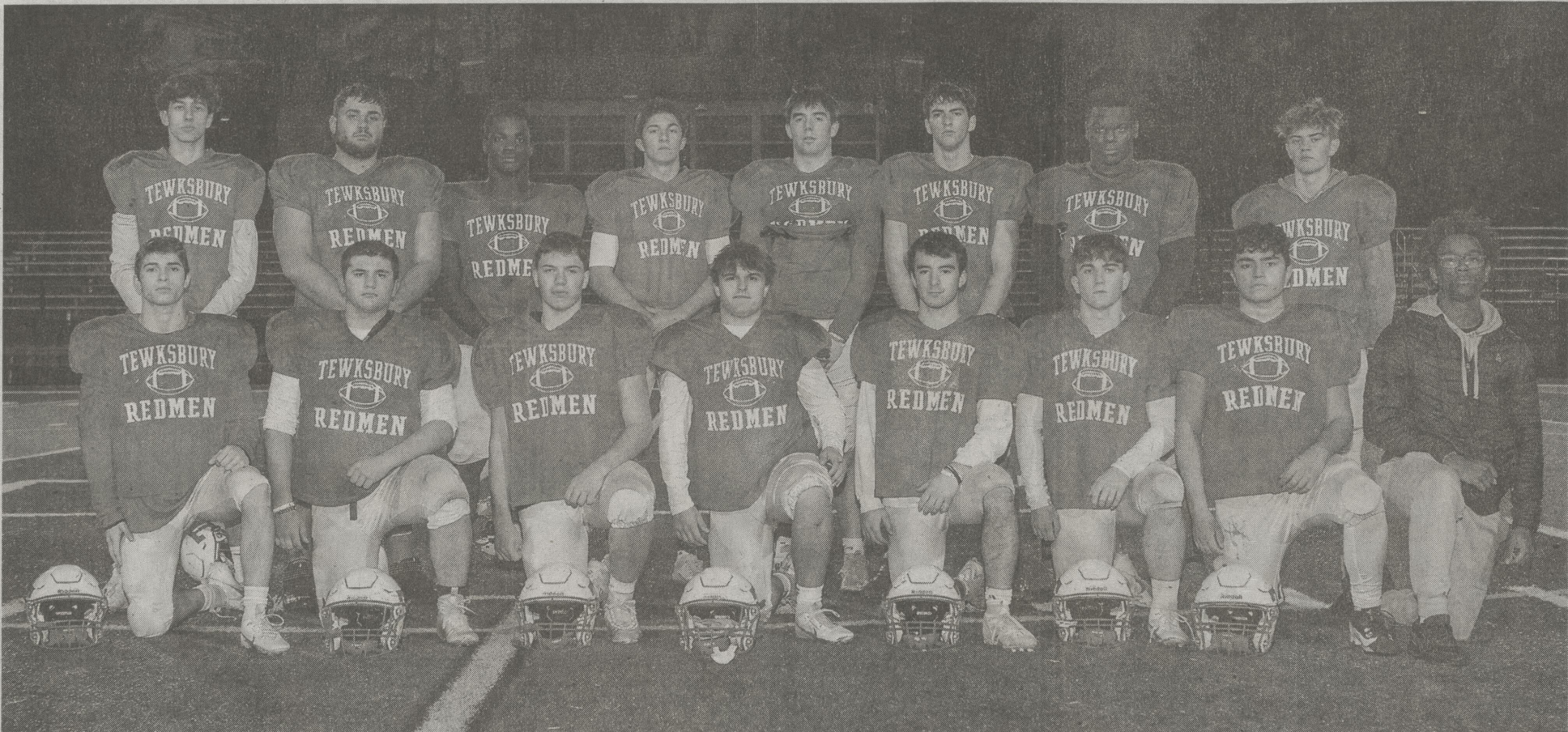
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▲ The seniors on the Tewksbury High football team are hoping to finish their careers with a win on Thursday.
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Redmen have used a balanced attack

TMHS football spreads the wealth in another successful campaign

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The 91st edition of Tewksbury High football team against Wilmington on Turkey Day will mark the last time the Redmen play football in 2024.

Tewksbury, who posted a 6-2 regular season record, came up just short of a trip to the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium in a 28-21 defeat to top-seeded Duxbury on Saturday night. The Div. 4 Final Four bout marked the fourth time the teams have met in the playoffs since 2018, and Tewksbury hasn't been able to best the Dragons since.

On Thursday, Tewksbury will look to extend its 13-game win streak against the Wildcats on Thanksgiving.

How did the Redmen get here?

WEEK 1:
Tewksbury 28,
Danvers 13 (1-0)
Player of the game:
Jonny Sullivan

Tewksbury kickstarted its 2024 slate with a welcome-back party for Jonny Sullivan, who returned for his first game since suffering an ACL injury in last season's Final Four.

Recording two touchdowns and 98 receiving yards, Sullivan made quite the impact in his return to the gridiron.

"I'm proud that he was able to come and do what he did after that grueling year that he had," said Redmen coach Brian Aylward after the win. "For him to show the courage to come back and do this, I give him credit and I give his family credit for supporting him to come out and play this again. I'm happy that he lit some fireworks tonight and did some big plays."

Vincent Ciano (8-for-11, 154 yards, two touchdowns) was just as impressive in

the win, finding the man of the hour for a key late score to secure the victory.

"We trust each other," said Sullivan. "He knows that I'm going to try to get open for him and he can put it on me. It's just playing catch."

Emeka Olu (nine carries, 42 yards, two touchdowns) rounded out the Tewksbury attack.

WEEK 2:
Tewksbury 42,
Haverhill 14 (2-0)
Player of the game:
Ben Christopher

Ben Christopher had his name written all over Tewksbury's Week 2 romp. The jack-of-all-trades offensive threat totaled three touchdowns in the home opener in the Redmen's first Merrimack Valley Conference clash of the fall.

Christopher totaled 105 all-purpose yards in the winning effort.

"We're happy with the win," said Aylward. "They fought hard, and they ex-

cuted when we needed them to."

Ciano continued to impress early in his senior season, tossing four touchdown passes for 132 yards on 6-for-10 passing. Manny Mengata, Jake Burns, and Olu also found the end zone.

WEEK 3:
Tewksbury 43,
Lawrence 6 (3-0)
Player of the game:
Emeka Olu

It was Olu who stole the show at Doucette Stadium to improve Tewksbury's record to 3-0.

In just the first half, Olu amassed four touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions that accounted for 28 of Tewksbury's 29 first-half points.

Ciano and Sean Callahan scored rushing touchdowns to put the exclamation point on the Redmen win.

WEEK 4:
Tewksbury 42,
Lowell 7 (4-0)
Player of the game:
Vincent Ciano

Ciano was nearly perfect for Tewksbury in Week 4, completing 8-of-9 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns as the Redmen remained perfect. He also notched a rushing

score.

"He's been great, and he's hungry," said Aylward of his quarterback after the game at Cawley Stadium. "He's going to have to make big-time plays in big-time games. He's a great kid and a good leader, and he's had total command out there the last couple of weeks."

Mengata added two touchdowns on 78 rushing yards in the victory, while Olu, Sullivan, and Joe Barletta rounded out the scoring.

Barletta's touchdown marked his first of the season, previously playing guard before moving to tight end this fall.

"I was happy to see him score a touchdown there because he's worked his tail off," Aylward said.

WEEK 5:
Billerica 29,
Tewksbury 20 (4-1)
Player of the game:
Vincent Ciano

Tewksbury was handed its first loss of the campaign against a stingy Billerica team on the road in October.

The Redmen ultimately didn't have an answer for quarterback Steven Gentile, rushing for 132 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Indians to a pivotal MVC triumph.

Ciano (12-for-20, 152 yards) recorded three touchdown passes to Barletta, Christopher, and Sullivan, but Tewksbury struggled to establish a run game and came up just short.

Billerica coach Duane Sigsbury commended Tewksbury's efforts following the loss.

"They're an awesome team," he said. "If Brian Aylward's not the best coach in the state, he's up there. He's an awesome coach and he runs an awesome program. It's a blue-collar battle. It's two teams that just smash each other around and I have a lot of respect for their program."

WEEK 6:
Tewksbury 21,
Chelmsford 7 (5-1)
Player of the game:



▲ Tewksbury quarterback Vincent Ciano (11) threads the needle as ball flies throw the hands of Somerset Berkley's Finnian Bjork (22) during Friday's state tournament football game at Doucette Field. Tewksbury earned a 40-20 win.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Emeka Olu
Tewksbury got the response they were looking for in Week 6, rolling past a competitive Chelmsford team to climb back into the win column.

Olu was impressive in the victory, amassing 109 yards on 23 carries for two scores.

Mengata added another touchdown as the Redmen went to work on the

ground.
Still, Sullivan had another big game in the air, making five catches for 94 yards.

"Everybody played great, they played hard, and they fought for their town," said Aylward after the win. "We talk about that all the time — fight for your town. And we got a bunch of kids who

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▲ Joe Barletta (left) picks up some yardage during a game earlier this season.

(James Thomas Photography)

Joe of all trades

Barletta has been a versatile weapon for Tewksbury

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Thursday's Thanksgiving Day showdown between Tewksbury and Wilmington will feel slightly different for Joe Barletta.

Of course, it will be bittersweet. Barletta, a senior captain for the Redmen, will be suiting up for his final high school game sporting the red and white colors at Doucette Stadium.

The charm and history around the annual matchup with the Wildcats, one Tewksbury has ruled the past 13 years, is very familiar to Barletta. Thursday will mark his third Turkey Day battle on the gridiron.

But this time, Barletta's role in the 91st edition of the event will be much different.

Instead of blocking for his teammates in the trenches at guard, he'll be lining up as a tight end yearning to

find the end zone.

While Barletta has swapped positions, one constant will remain when the opening kickoff sails through the cold air on Thursday morning.

Barletta will do anything to help his team win, the mentality that enabled him to embrace the challenging pivot ahead of his senior campaign.

"When he came up to me and proposed that idea, I knew it was for the best for me and for the team," said Barletta of the switch to tight end. "I'll do whatever it takes for the team."

And it's not the first time Barletta has swapped roles for the betterment of the team.

Entering the program his freshman season primarily as a fullback, TMHS coach Brian Aylward saw an area of need on his offensive line the following season.

"We were in a situation where we were one man shy of piecing together an

offensive line, and I thought that maybe he could help us there," Aylward recalled. "I had a talk with him, and he (was willing to help the team). Which is rare, especially a younger guy getting put in the middle of the meat grinder with some bigger and older guys."

In the first week of pre-season, Barletta made the switch.

He was starting by Week 1 and donned the role for the entirety of his sophomore and junior seasons. It was where he was found in Tewksbury's 2022 and 2023 victories over the 'Cats on Thanksgiving.

"It was a tough role for him to play, and he did a great job with it," said Aylward. "He hung in there for us and he had another great year last year where he got a little bigger and stronger. If he was in that same role this year, it would be just as much of an improvement."

But with Aylward's offensive line looking formidable ahead of this fall, he turned to Barletta to serve as another option in the passing game.

"I thought we had the luxury to be able to move him to tight end," said the coach. "We knew that Jake Burns, who's been a great player, was there but to allow us to be more versatile on offense to be able to run two tight end sets is a luxury for us."

Just as he did the first time, Barletta answered the call. He got to work.

"This summer he came up to me and told me we had what it took up front and that we could get you back out there," Barletta said. "I was down for that and I went to (seven-on-sevens) all summer and grinded that out. It's been a blast."

"Weight room-wise and everything like that, it's the same. Just trying to get as strong as I can as

fast as I can. It was more that the drills were different. I was trying to get better footwork this year and learn the new plays."

His offseason preparation has paid dividends this fall. Barletta has come up instrumental for Tewksbury throughout its 6-2 regular season, hauling in three touchdown passes.

"It's awesome," he said. "Of course, everyone wants to score the big touchdowns and stuff. The Billerica game was probably one of my favorites and Methuen. It was awesome."

"He worked hard at it over the summer," added Aylward. "At the beginning, kids would get all fired up if he caught a ball and now it's just expected. He had one drop in that first game and that hasn't happened since. He's made some big-time catches at big-time times."

Barletta has been just as impactful on the other side of the ball, too, recover-

ing fumbles in wins over Haverhill and Lowell at defensive end.

"That's such an important position in high school football because you got to be able to be tough and contribute to stuff inside, but you got to hold the edge if stuff comes wide and then put some pressure on the quarterback when it's a throw. You got a lot of things that you need to do at that position," Aylward said of Barletta's defensive efforts.

Barletta will be at the nucleus of Tewksbury's efforts on Turkey Day.

"Everyone always remembers the Thanksgiving Day game and who won," said Barletta.

"That's the big thing. It doesn't matter what the records are at the end of the day. It's one of the only games everyone will ever remember. You want to go out there and beat them up obviously because they're our rivals."

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Redmen enjoyed another terrific playoff run

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want to do that. They wear Tewksbury on their chest, and it means something."

WEEK 7:
Methuen 35,
Tewksbury 28 (5-2)
Player of the game:
Vincent Ciano

In what was perhaps the most competitive game of the regular season, Tewksbury fell just short to a high-flying Methuen team at the hands of the talented Shane Eason (276 all-purpose yards, three touchdowns).

Tewksbury trailed by as much as 28-7, but Ciano (16-for-20, 152 yards, two touchdowns) kept Tewksbury fighting. The senior field general scored himself while finding Barletta and Christopher for touchdown passes late in the game, but it wasn't enough to catch up to the Rangers.

Olu also added a touchdown in the defeat.

"Tewksbury High is coached by the best coach in the history of Massachusetts," said Methuen coach Tom Ryan after the game at Doucette Stadium. "I love that guy."

Week 8:
Tewksbury 37,
North Andover 12 (6-2)
Player of the game:
Manny Mengata

Tewksbury entered the postseason firing on all cylinders after a convincing win over MVC foe North Andover in their regular season finale on the road.

Manny Mengata and Ben Christopher netted a pair of touchdowns while Ciano completed a touchdown pass and Olu found the end zone.

"We had some good, hard downhill running from Emeka and Manny," said Aylward. "We were able to adjust when they started to load up inside."

Now, the real games began.

ROUND OF 16:
Tewksbury 37,
Westwood 7 (7-2)
Player of the game:
Ben Christopher

No. 5 Tewksbury blasted No. 12 Westwood at Doucette Stadium to hit the ground running in the state tournament.

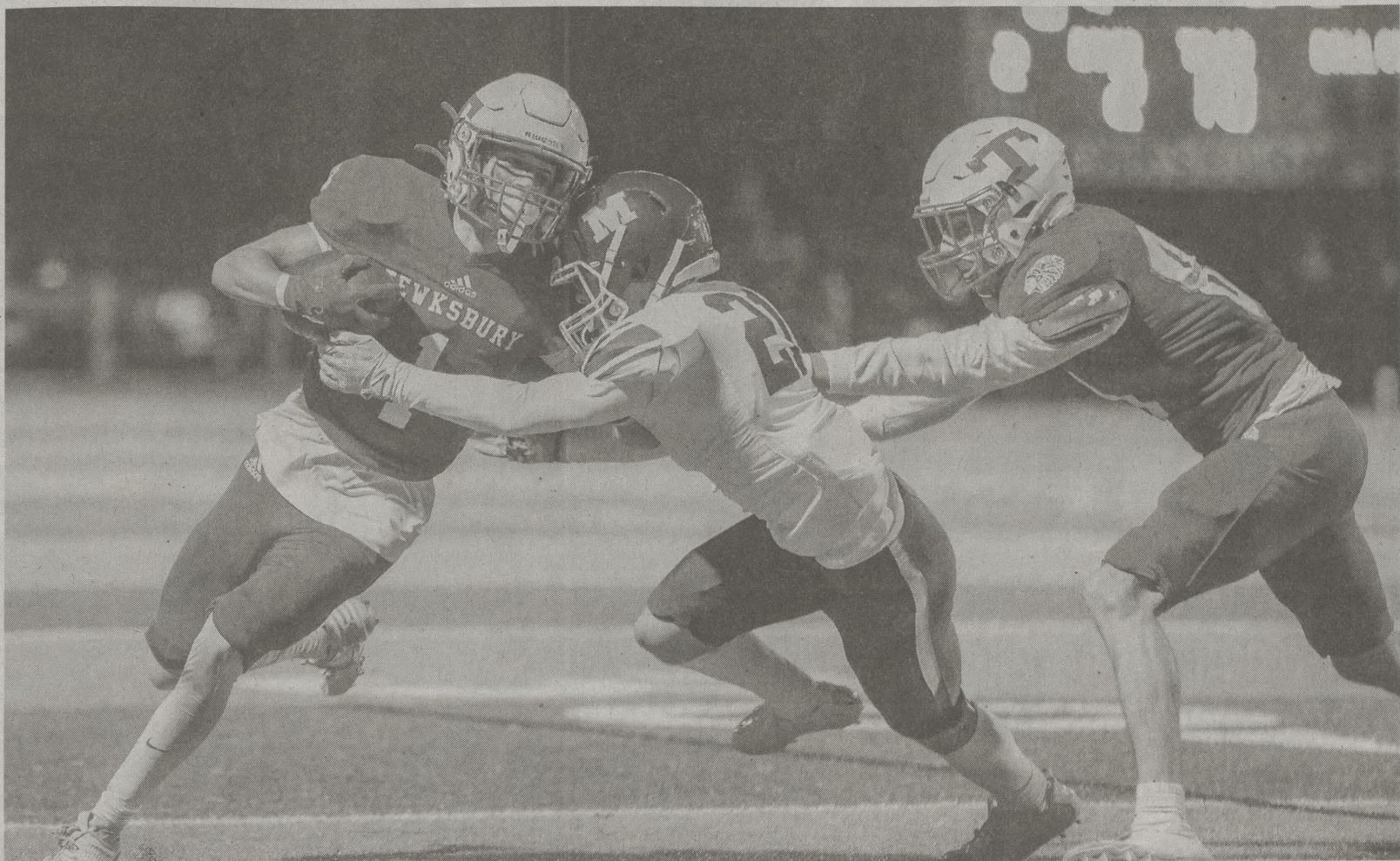
Christopher was all over the scoresheet, finding the end zone twice while hauling in two interceptions. Olu, Burns, and Desisto all struck in the win.

"We were not surprised that they were going to be a good team," said Brian Aylward.

"Our guys were ready, and it was not easy."

ROUND OF 8:
Tewksbury 40,
Somerset Berkley 20 (8-2)
Player of the game:
Manny Mengata

No. 13 Somerset Berkley, who upset fourth-seeded Malden Catholic in the previous round, gave the



▲ Tewksbury's Ben Christopher (1) tries to break away Methuen's Caiden Hartley Didio (21) as he picks up a first down during Friday's football game at Doucette Field. Tewksbury fell to visiting Methuen 35-28. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

Redmen a scare in the round of 8.

As teams traded scores most of the game, Tewksbury eventually came up with a big stop in the fourth quarter to pull away late.

Mengata proved to be instrumental for Tewksbury in the win, putting up three touchdowns on the ground on 72 rushing yards with a sidelined Olu due to injury.

Desisto also elevated his role, posting two touchdowns on 71 rushing yards.

"Emeka plays a big role on offense and on defense, so it was a big spot to fill," said Mengata. "But obviously I'm a captain and I had to step up and I had to do what I had to do. It was second nature. Emeka has a lot of trust in me to take care of business and I have a lot of trust in him."

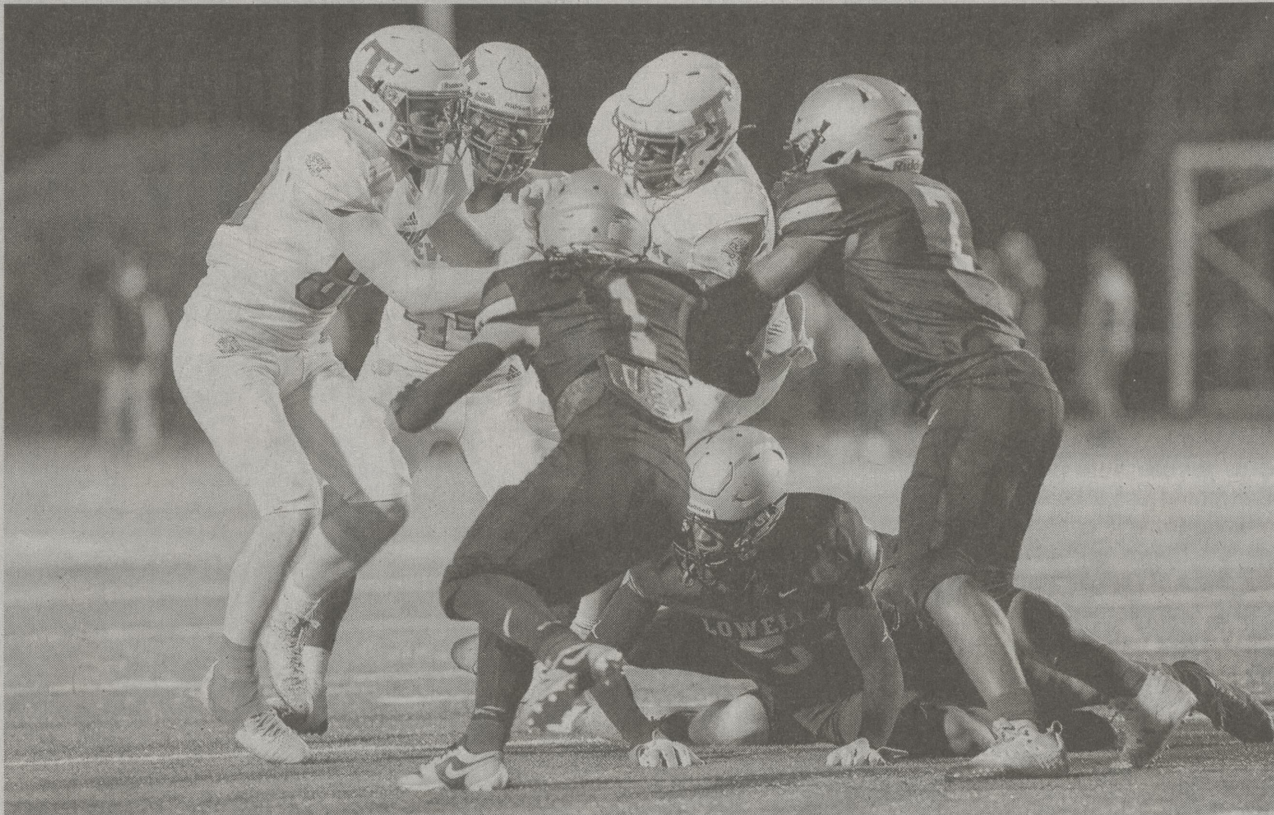
Vincent Ciano (8-for-10, 161 yards, rushing touchdown) was efficient yet again to push Tewksbury to a Final Four rematch with Duxbury.

FINAL FOUR:
Duxbury 28,
Tewksbury 21 (8-3)
Player of the game:
Vincent Ciano

Despite scoring first on Saturday, the Redmen were ultimately stopped short of their Gillette dreams on Saturday in the Div. 4 Final Four.

Christopher netted a 39-yard touchdown grab to open the scoring from Ciano, but the Dragons quickly answered. Desisto responded with a five-yard strike, but Duxbury potted the ensuing touchdown to knot the game at the half.

Tewksbury tied the game after Duxbury took the lead to begin the second half on a touchdown pass from Ciano to Burns, but it was the Dragons to score yet again and hold

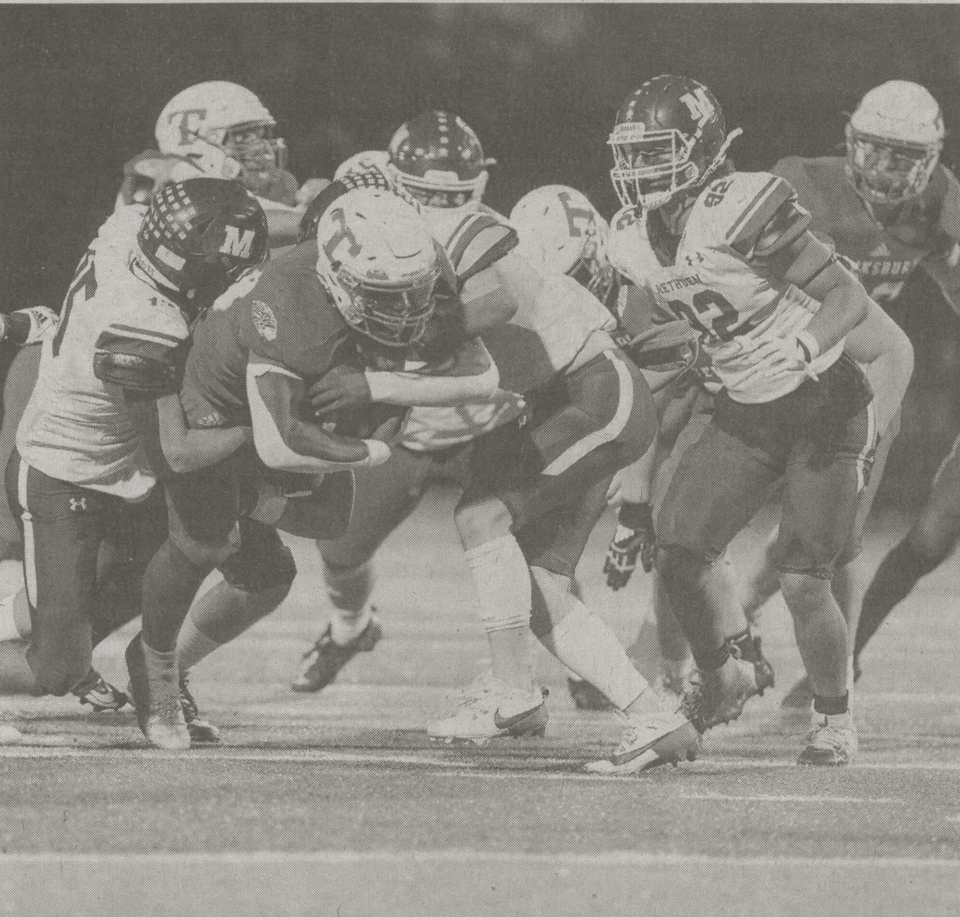


▲ Tewksbury's Emeka Olu (5) plows through Lowell defenders Anthony Perez (1), Samuel Ansah (5), and Steeven Many Mwanish (7) to pick up a first down during Friday's night's football game at Cawley Stadium. Tewksbury was a 42-7 winner over host Lowell. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

on to the 28-21 lead.

"We had a couple of lapses that hurt us," said Aylward. "When you have a chance to get (the Duxbury offense) off the field, you have to get them off the field. If you give them too many chances with that offense, they're going to go ahead and convert and score."

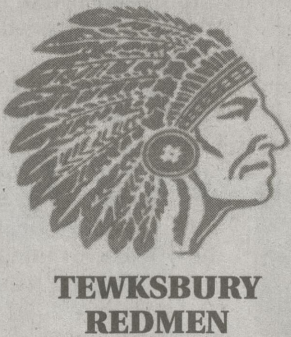
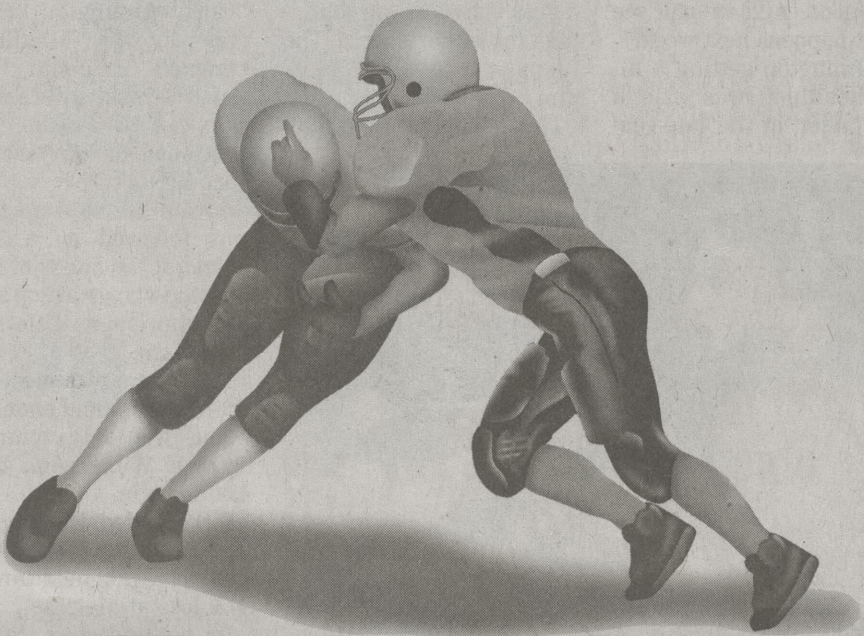
We fought hard. We expected to be here, but we knew the road to Gillette was probably going to have to go through Duxbury at some point."



▲ Tewksbury's Manny Mengata (44) is brought down by the Methuen defense after a short game near midfield during Friday's football game at Doucette Field. Tewksbury fell to visiting Methuen 35-28. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

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Young Wildcats are on the rise

After 0-8 start, Wilmington riding two-game win streak heading into Thursday

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When the MIAA changed its playoff format for football, effectively ending the regular season after eight weeks to start postseason competition, the teams that didn't qualify for the tournament were relegated to an all-new term.

Non-playoff games. At first, the term's definition might as well have been "games that nobody cares about," but in many cases, those contests are a way to breathe some late-season life into squads that could use a boost.

"Everyone complains about these non-playoff games," Wildcat coach Craig Turner said. "But when you're having a season like us, the non-playoff games are great."

For Wilmington High, the Wildcats were 0-8 after first eight weeks of the season before the non-playoff games arrived.

WHS certainly made the most of its opportunities, piling up 74 points in a pair of victories over Arlington Catholic and Essex North Shore Tech.

"I'm happy for the kids," Turner said. "It's been a tough season. They've worked really hard. This group shows up every day, works hard and has good attitudes. There's no behavioral issues with the kids. To see them get two (wins) was good. And we will see what happens next week."

Wilmington getting a little healthier was also a big factor in the late-season success.

Wilmington's Colin Al-lard (4) is pushed out of bounds by Jordan Lane (1) of Arlington Catholic after catching a pass along the sideline during Thursday's football game at Wilmington High School. Wilmington won the football clash 46-35.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

"We've struggled on defense all year and our offensive line has struggled mostly because we haven't been healthy," Turner said.

Wilmington's season opened with a scrimmage against Chelmsford, also referred to as an endowment game.

The matchup was played like an official contest, but didn't count in the standings for either squad. The Lions won by a 48-6 margin.

The Wildcats then had

non-league games against North Reading and Saugus and continued to have its problems defensively.

North Reading topped Wilmington to the tune of 52-18 while Saugus earned a 22-10 victory.

The last non-league game for WHS came against Bishop Fenwick, one of the top Div. 5 teams in the state and Fenwick cruised to a 42-6 win.

Once Wilmington started play in the Middlesex League's Freedom Division, the results were more competitive, but the 'Cats continued to have trouble earning victories.

A 28-26 loss to Watertown was followed by a 35-20 defeat at the hands of Burlington, who ended up splitting the league title with Stoneham.

Stoneham was next for the Wildcats and ended up being the only team to shutout Wilmington by a 42-0 margin.

WHS ended the regular season with a 28-12 defeat against Wakefield and a 47-7 loss at Melrose.

In no uncertain terms, Wilmington needed some good news.

When Arlington Catholic visited WHS in Week 9, the Cougars actually took a 13-0 lead, but Wilmington righted the ship quickly and eventually poured on the offense, winning 46-35.

The following week, the 'Cats beat a solid Essex Tech squad, 28-14.

In both wins, WHS showed off a solid running game behind an offensive line that was getting healthier and stronger every week.

While Wilmington is surely an underdog against Tewksbury on Thursday, Turner knows the Redmen likely haven't seen these Wildcats at full strength during any scouting trips or film sessions. Indeed, the 'Cats are getting better by the day.

"We're still really young and relatively beat up," said Turner. "But I feel a lot better than I would have felt if you asked me three weeks ago. We've

tried to relay to the kids that this is a rivalry game and even though they've beaten us a bunch of years in a row, we were down one going into the fourth quarter with the ball and a chance to take the lead late in the game (last year) and the year before that was a pretty competitive game. We've played them tough over the years, we just haven't been able to get over the hump. Hopefully, we can do that again."

Turner is quick to acknowledge, however, that Wilmington hasn't played a team with the weapons and speed of the Redmen.

"I saw them a couple of times in person," said Turner of Tewksbury. "They're as good as we've seen obviously. They're very tough. I'd put this group of skill guys that Tewksbury has up against any group he's had since I've been at Wilmington. They just have kids that can run with the ball and catch the ball over the place. As [TMHS coach] Brian (Aylward) does and always has done, he does a great job of mixing it up and moving kids around. It makes it really tough to get ready for."

"If you go into the game

and say 'We have to stop Manny Mengata, he's really good,'" Turner added. "Well, no kidding he's really good, but there are six other kids that are really good too. If you focus on him, you're going to have a long day. It's more about being fundamental sound."

Turner is hoping that win or lose on Thursday, the WHS program will be tak-

ing a step in the right direction as his young group continues to develop.

"We have a lot of young kids that are playing a lot of football," Turner added. "We expect and hope that it will pay off next fall. That's the way we've been approaching it. We're playing a lot of sophomores and when you play sophomores like that you kind of ride the roller coaster."

Wilmington's Colin Dwyer (20) runs the ball during Thursday's football game against Arlington Catholic. Wilmington won the football clash 46-35.

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Wilmington's Timmy Watson makes a diving tackle attempt on Ryan Shea of Saugus during Friday night's football game in Wilmington. The Wildcats fell to Saugus 22-10.

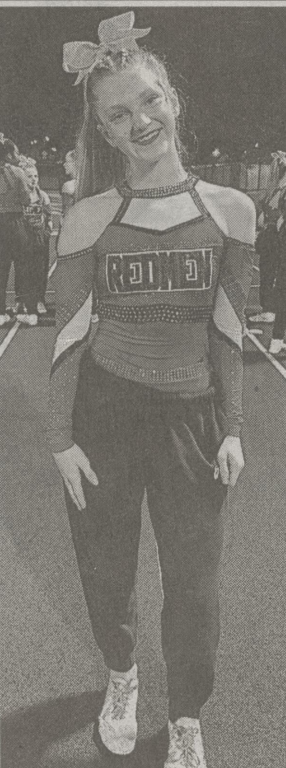
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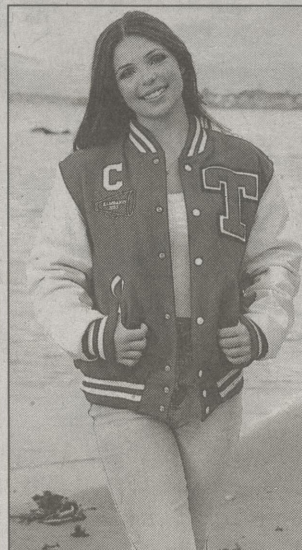
▲ Wilmington's Mark Holleran (12) talks things over with the coaching staff during a timeout in Thursday's football game against Arlington Catholic. Wilmington won the football clash 46-35.

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Seniors are optimistic

Gabaree and Branley want Wilmington to go out on high note

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WILMINGTON — As the 91st edition of the traditional Thanksgiving Day football matchup between Wilmington High and Tewksbury arrives, there are eight seniors, including Kyle Gabaree and Kenny Branley, who have been preparing to play their final game as Wildcats.

In recent weeks, these two standout athletes contributed to a pair of back-to-back triumphs, helping the Wildcats to sidestep a winless season.

The first was a come-from-behind 46-35 defeat of Arlington Catholic on November 7 followed a week later, when the Wildcats dealt Essex Tech a 28-14 loss.

“Honestly, I really didn’t think we were going to win a game this year,” said Branley, whose key sack of AC quarterback Bryan Cahill led to a Wilmington go-ahead score midway through the second quarter. “Our two season-ending wins have given us a lot of momentum heading into the Thanksgiving game with Tewksbury. We’re hoping to make it three straight and wrap up our careers on a winning note.”

At the time Branley shared his thoughts, No. 5 Tewksbury was making headway in the MIAA Division 4 bracket, dominating Westwood and

Somerset in early tournament rounds. But in the play-off semifinals, the Redmen were eliminated by top-seeded Duxbury, 28-21.

Wilmington’s Kyle Gabaree was proud of his teammates for their can-do attitude throughout the eight-game losing streak.

“Everyone continued to work their rear-ends off in practice,” said the defensive back, who also played stints of baseball and basketball for the Wildcats. “The losses were piling up but we continued to work hard and stay positive. That first win showed that our hard work was finally paying off. We wouldn’t give up.”

Gabaree has a “unique” story, to borrow the words from his coach, Craig Turner. As a high school freshman, the youth endured open heart surgery and the arduous recovery that typically follows such a procedure. Headstrong and determined, he forged ahead with his plan to return to the gridiron.

“At first, my doctors didn’t think it was a good idea to play football but eventually, they came around and said I could play if I wanted to,” Gabaree recalled. “I started playing as a sophomore.”

Gabaree didn’t play football as a junior, instead keeping busy with a part-time job at Wilmington’s Tremesso Restaurant.



▲ Kenny Branley chases down an Essex Tech player. (Photo by Alicen Racca)

In hindsight, he regretted the decision to forgo his junior season.

Turner experienced similar disappointment.

“After learning that he wasn’t coming back for his junior year, I did my very best recruiting job to change his mind,” said Turner. “We enlisted his teammates to convince him to return for his senior year which, luckily for us, he did. From Day 1, Kyle was slotted in as a defensive end and defensive lineman. He has been a solid contributor.”

Turner has words of praise for Branley, as well.

As a freshman, he played wide receiver but soon gained size and strength and was transitioned to a defensive role.

“Kenny is a tough kid and he’s not afraid of being physical,” said Turner. “With this group coming back this year, we needed help on the offensive line. We thought he would be a great fit up front. Over the last three or four weeks, Kenny has also been solid for us defensively, making some good plays on the line which we needed big time.”

While Gabaree is already testing the waters and submitting college appli-



▲ Kyle Gabaree prepares to make a defensive play. (Photo by Alicen Racca)

cations for next fall, Branley has landed a post-high school job as a longshoreman. He believes that he’ll be stationed at Black Falcon Terminal in Boston and is quite proud that he has already received his dockworker’s card and will soon be sworn in. This past summer, the industrious entrepreneur ran his own Wilmington-based landscaping firm. He is excited about joining the workforce and this winter, for a change of pace, has decided to try his hand at Wildcat wrestling.

But first, there is the

matter of one more football game.

“I think we have a good chance to win on Thanksgiving,” said Branley, who plays both sides of the ball but prefers his defensive role. “We would like to snap Tewksbury’s 13-year Thanksgiving winning streak.”

Gabaree has added incentive as he goes through his paces readying for the holiday classic.

“My cousin Ethan Martins plays for Tewksbury,” he said. “That’s a little extra rivalry between us and I’m looking forward to playing against him.”

Then again, most high school football players and their coaches would agree there is little need for “incentives” when preparing for their annual holiday clash. The rivalries are often decades old and understandably, the motivation is built-in.

“The Thanksgiving game means a lot to both towns, Wilmington and Tewksbury,” said

Turner. “Tewksbury is obviously really good while we’ve struggled. But weird things happen in these games. Every single year since I arrived here, except for one, they’ve been very competitive games. We’re hopeful that we show up and play our best game of the season. We owe that much to our seniors in the final game of their careers. We hope to send them off on a successful note.”

Departing senior Wildcats include Ayden Bellevy, Jacob McCauley, Mark Holleran, Josiah Hintz, Theo Bryson, Maxwell Bagtaz, Branley and Gabaree.

Quarterback Mark Holleran stands with Kyle Gabaree (left) and Kenny Branley (77) after a recent win. (Photo by Alicen Racca)



Lovell still contributing, any way he can

Devastating injury ended senior’s season, but didn’t keep him away from Wildcats

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It was a sound Wilmington High football coach Craig Turner had never heard before and frankly

one that he hopes he never hears again.

“I was standing about 15 or 20 yards away talking to another coach and I heard the break,” Turner recalled of that otherwise innocuous September prac-

tice this fall which turned Wilmington football and its star receiver Connor Lovell’s senior season upside down.

Off to one of the best starts as a wide receiver in school history, Lovell

was polishing his game on the other side of the ball at defensive back in drills when he went up to snare a ball like he had so many times before.

“I planted to jump and pick a ball off and I felt

like I got kicked super hard,” Lovell explained. “I fell down and I knew something was wrong.”

The senior captain had not only broken one bone in his leg but two, suffering a transverse fracture to both his tibia and fibula.

Initially in shock and laying on the turf, Turner can remember his star wide-out telling him “how annoying” the whole thing was.

“I was like, ‘Connor, just don’t look down at your

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▲ Connor Lovell makes a catch during an early-season game against Saugus. (James Thomas Photography)

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Love, Mom, Dad, Blake and Grayson

Despite injury, Lovell is staying positive

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leg," the coach recalled, as another coach quickly grabbed a coat to drape over the twisted limb.

Soon, however, the excruciating pain told the three-sport captain all he needed to know about the severity of his predicament as he was hoisted from a scrum of his wide-eyed teammates and coaches into an ambulance bound for Lahey Hospital Medical Center.

"It was really pretty devastating because all the kids saw it and we had to stop practice and send the kids home," Turner, now in his eighth year on the Wildcats' sidelines, recalled. "I had never seen anything like that before. It was shocking. It was tough. I hope I never see one like that again."

Lovell would have surgery shortly thereafter and spend two nights at Lahey. He says it was during those quiet hours late at night after his parents, Bill and Kim, teammates, and coaches had left that the gravity of the situation hit home. A very promising senior football season that looked like it was going to put him on the radar of a slew of college coaches was done, along with his final Thanksgiving game this Thursday at Tewksbury.

His final basketball season for Wilmington had likely been wiped away too and even a return to the diamond this spring where the 6-foot-2 outfielder was a Middlesex League all-star for the Wildcats as a junior, was very much up in the air.

It was also in those quiet hours where the rough outline of Lovell's inspirational college essay probably started to take focus.

"Persevering, the mental challenge, the physical challenge, the pain, handling it, and then everyone reaching out to me," Lovell



▲ Connor Lovell has been a fixture on the sidelines at WHS football games despite suffering a season-ending injury. (James Thomas Photography)

ticked off of the subjects he tackled in that poignant essay.

STARTING OUT WITH A BANG

Despite missing the bulk of the season, Lovell provided enough highlights in his first three game tapes to keep many college football scouts hitting the rewind button early and often. In many ways, the 6-foot-2 speedster was the Wildcats offense over that span accounting for over a third of the team's scoring, while racking up 366 yards receiving to go with two scores.

"I think he's one of the two best receivers in the Middlesex League so to lose him before we even got to Middlesex League play was very tough," said Turner.

Any doubts Turner might have had about what an explosive weapon he had heading into the year were answered in the first two minutes of the Wildcats' opener at Chelmsford.

"I think it was our second series of the game and he just ran by one of the better DBs in the Merrimack Valley Conference and hit him for a 80-yard touchdown," Turner said.

"He just has that kind of game-breaking, athletic ability."

Lovell's fast start can be traced back to the Wilmington weight room where Lovell basically started collecting his mail last March as he prepared for the upcoming baseball season as well as his senior year on the gridiron. Working out five days a week, he put on about 15 pounds of muscle going from a lanky 165-pound speedster who could stretch the field to a dominant two-way playmaker.

"This year it was like he hit the ground running

right away." Turner enthused. "He did everything all summer, went to camps, and really put in a ton of work."

Lovell would have another strong game in a loss to North Reading and grab another touchdown in a setback to Saugus in what proved to be his third and final game.

"I was feeling really confident and after the first few games I thought I could get 1,000 yards, maybe eight to ten touchdowns, so it was really disappointing when I got hurt," said Lovell, who also misses dishing out hits on the defensive side of the ball from his post at defensive back.

MAKING LEMONADE OUT OF LEMONS

If Turner had any questions about how his stand-out receiver was going to handle such a tumultuous injury he needed look no further than the notifications that lit up his phone just days after the injury.

"The whole week or two after it was him texting me, telling the kids not to worry and to tell them that he was going to be all right and to keep them positive," said Turner.

After missing that first game, the sight of Lovell on crutches or in a walking boot right in the thick of things on the sidelines has been a constant one for the Wildcats and an invaluable one for Turner's young squad.

"He's one of those kids who's really good at talking to the younger guys," the coach noted of the affable senior. "He has the respect of the whole team and his word carries a lot of weight."

Turner has even designated Lovell as his guy to greet the officials for the coin toss each game.

"I think I started out 4-0 and I don't think I have won one since," Lovell noted with a chuckle.

Along the way and thanks

to a lot of hard rehab, Lovell keeps beating his doctor's time table for his return to Wilmington athletics — not enough to salvage his final Thanksgiving showdown with Tewksbury, but perhaps in time to get back on the hardcourt.

"I'm really looking forward to that," he said. "Hopefully I can get half a season, maybe."

For now he's just savoring these final practices with this group of seniors, many of whom he started playing football with back in Pop Warner for Wilmington back in the third grade. He says the finality of so many indelible memories is ever present with each time they shut out the lights on the practice field.

"It's one of those things that you don't really talk about," he says, "but everyone acknowledges it."

Asked what has helped get him through such a devastating fall, Lovell says that it has indeed been the outpouring of support from the entire Wilmington community and is quick to add that support starts right at home, with his parents Bill and Kim.

"They just kept telling me to keep positive," he said. "And they had me do things that helped me stay positive."

While the game tape he ships out to college scouts won't be as long as either he or Lovell would like, Turner sees a bright future for Lovell on the next level, especially with the resiliency he's shown this fall.

"He would have had 1,000 yards receiving, 10 touchdowns and we would have been fighting off colleges with a stick," said Turner, who sees Lovell as capable of playing at the Div. 2 or Div. 1AA level. "But he's the kind of kid who is going to make lemonade out of lemons and we'll figure it out and he's going to be fine."

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